



# LOST IN GRIEF FOR 'DARLING MAMA'

COMMEMORATIVE PULLOUT: LOYAL TO THE END, THE QUEEN'S FAITHFUL STAFF



Duty calls...thousands wait in line at St Giles' Cathedral yesterday

## Devoted Scotland pays its respects

By Steph Spyro

THE Scottish public came out in force to honour the late monarch who devoted a lifetime of service to the nation and the union.

Mourners channelled the Queen's sense of duty and waited from dawn until dusk to pay their respects to Her Majesty lying in rest at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh.

Tens of thousands of well-wishers – fuelled by refreshment-packed food containers and stocked with tissues – began descending on the city's Royal Mile from 6am in the hope of filing past the Queen's coffin.

They were steadfast in their determination to pay tribute.

### Strength

Innes Miller, 82, could recall the day the Queen's father died. He added: "She was very good at dealing with all kinds of people, without any prejudice. It's quite important to me to bow to the coffin."

Joining him was Alexandra Schneidewind, 64, who called our longest reigning monarch "absolutely fantastic".

She said: "You have to really admire the strength to give up her whole life for the country. She was always in the eye of the world."

"This will never happen again, 70 years on the throne."

"She stood up and did her job until days before she



Historic moment...mourners file in

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It was clear the late Queen's subjects – both young and old – wanted to play their part. Teenagers Bailey Herron, 15, and Kennedie West, 16, ventured from South Wales to stand before the Queen's coffin and witness history. They said: "Everybody loved her. I don't know that anyone will live up to the Queen."

Veteran Garth Lancaster, 55, praised the nation's grieving monarch. He said: "King Charles is doing a cracking job."

The public was warned to be on their best behaviour with queue jumpers, drunks and those with politically charged signs turned away.

### MINUTE'S SILENCE ON SUNDAY

BRITAIN will fall silent in honour of Queen Elizabeth at 8pm on Sunday.

Downing Street said it will be a chance to have a "shared moment of reflection" on the evening before the late sovereign's state funeral.

The public have been invited to mark the silence at home, on their doorsteps or at an organised ceremony.

Clubs and community groups are encouraged to host events themselves. The

By Martyn Brown

Prime Minister's spokesman also urged those overseas to do similar.

He added: "At 8pm on Sunday there will be a one-minute silence where the public are invited to come together and observe a national moment of reflection to mourn the life and legacy of Queen Elizabeth II. It is an opportunity for everyone to mark the death."



Salute...King in Edinburgh yesterday

IT was a simple act of true love and devotion from the Queen's four grieving children.

Silent and dignified, King Charles III led his siblings in standing guard around Her Majesty's coffin during the Vigil of the Princes.

Members of the public continued to file past during the extraordinarily poignant ritual that saw the Queen's children standing steadfast with clasped hands.

The King, Princess Anne, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward were lost in contemplation and seemingly unaware of the wave of mourners as they stood with heads slightly bowed.

The vigil lasted 10 minutes but it was almost as if time had stood still as the four children remembered their beloved mother. King Charles

From Steph Spyro  
at St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh

kept his hands joined and looked towards the floor. A number of people bowed as they passed the new sovereign, with others walking solemnly by with heads down.

The King wore Prince Charles Edward Stuart tartan and white heather from Balmoral in his lapel.

### Resolute

The Duke of York kept his eyes shut for a period of time, while the Princess Royal and the Earl of Wessex remained resolute and fixed their eyes to the floor.

Dressed in full military uniform, Anne became the first female royal to take part in the sombre vigil, while the Queen Consort and the

# loss as public walk by



**Vigil of sorrow...**  
King Charles,  
Princess Anne,  
Prince Andrew  
and Prince  
Edward guard  
their mother's  
coffin at  
St Giles'  
Cathedral

Countess of Wessex, seated nearby, looked on. There were cheers for the senior royals as they filed out of the cathedral after their period of reflection.

It took place while thousands of people continued to queue outside the Edinburgh cathedral to pay their respects to the late monarch.

The Vigil of the Princes has only been performed twice and was last carried out during the Queen Mother's funeral in 2002.

The ritual refers to two occasions when, usually male members of the Royal Family, "stand guard" during the lying in state ahead of a state funeral or ceremonial service.

The steady, continuous stream of well-wishers were led through a security tent to be searched before heading into the Gothic place of worship to pay their respects.

Karen Whitehouse, 64, left her home in Loweswater, Cumbria, at 2am to start queuing in the Scottish capital. She said: "It was surreal. It was very quiet, everyone was very still. It was like they were all statues. I can't believe I've done it and I was that close. I paid my respects.

It was just beautiful." Amy Calvert, 31, from Stoke-on-Trent, was on holiday in Edinburgh and one of the first in line to see the late Queen lying at rest.

She said: "It will be a time for reflection. The example she's set with her faith is just incredible."



Solemn devotion...the four siblings stand steadfast with heads bowed

After queuing for 11 hours, mum of two Sarra Hoy said: "Seeing the coffin and the vigil of the archers and police was so powerful and overwhelming. The queues go on for miles. That in itself is a tribute to the Queen's life and service."

Members of the public will be able to process past the Queen's casket at St Giles' Cathedral until about 3pm today.

Her Majesty's coffin will be flown to RAF Northolt, accompanied by Princess Anne and her husband Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will be at Buckingham Palace when the casket arrives later today.

The receiving of the coffin will be led by the King and Queen Consort as it arrives at the late Queen's main residence in London.

The casket will rest in the Bow Room at the Palace overnight, before a procession to the lying in state at Westminster Hall tomorrow.

A former butler of the late monarch yesterday joined a line by Lambeth Bridge already waiting to see her lying in state.

Tony Jones used to look after the Queen's guests at Royal Ascot.

## Emotional

Tony, who lives in Westminster, said: "I used to do the royal boxes for many years. I thought I'd come to pay my respects to the Queen for the duty that she's given to the country for all these years."

"It will be a very emotional moment. And as the crowds gather it's going to feel more emotional. It will build and build."



# Amid huge crowds, four past in loving tribute to

THE King and his siblings walked behind their mother's coffin in a silent, solemn tribute yesterday.

On the saddest of days, thousands of mourners lined the streets of Edinburgh to watch the poignant royal mark of respect.

Draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland and dressed with a wreath of white flowers, the late Queen's oak coffin was taken from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to St Giles' Cathedral.

It will remain there until this afternoon to allow people to pay their respects.

Behind the hearse and assembled according to their ages, the Queen's four children looked straight ahead, expressionless, as they walked with military precision.

Meanwhile, a hush descended on the crowd – 10 rows deep in places – on the journey along the city's Royal Mile.

Charles, 73, wore full ceremonial uniform of a Field Marshal. His sister, Princess Anne,

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72, wore an Admiral's uniform, while Prince Edward, 58, the Earl of Wessex and Forfar, sported the blues uniform of the Honorary Royal Colonel of the Wessex Yeomanry.

Only Andrew, 62, the Duke of York and Earl of Inverness, was in a morning coat, as he is no longer a working royal.

In bright autumn sunshine, the procession, flanked by a bearer party from the Royal Regiment of Scotland and the Royal Company of Archers – the King's bodyguard for Scotland – headed for the cathedral.

Behind the Queen's children walked Anne's husband, Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence. The Queen Consort, 75, and the Countess of Wessex, 57, followed in a car.

In her own special tribute, Camilla wore a diamond thistle brooch given to her by her late mother-in-law around seven years ago. It once belonged to the Queen Mother but the

Queen inherited it upon her death in 2002. As the hearse made its way, onlookers held their phones high and women shouted: "God bless the Queen." Police arrested a protester who appeared to heckle Andrew as

**Gesture...**  
Camilla wears a diamond thistle brooch gift from the Queen. Right, a protester is arrested



the hearse went past on the Royal Mile. But thousands stood in respectful silence. Tina Richardson, 63, from Dunbar, whose middle name was Elizabeth after the Queen, said: "She's like a member of my

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# siblings file their mother

own family. There'll never be anyone like her. She was such a beautiful lady who gave us all so much. In good times and bad she was there, especially during Covid. She united everybody."

Carol Williams, 52, a part-time primary teacher from Dunfermline, said: "I just feel so privileged that we can watch this moment."

"If she died in London, we would never have had this opportunity."

Private Ben Tubuna, among the Royal Regiment of Scotland soldiers chosen as pall-bearers for both yesterday and Sunday, was feted yesterday as news of his involvement spread in his home country.

His father, Semi Tubuna, said: "I was so happy and excited to find out that he was chosen to be a pallbearer."

"I'm touched that he is not only doing his family proud but his country."

Fijian MP Ro Teimumu Vuikaba Kepa, the first woman to serve as her country's leader

of the opposition, said: "The young Fijian lad may have not been fully aware of how Fiji cherished the late monarch, but scenes of him performing gave closure to many Fijians watching back home."

Earlier, King Charles spoke to well-wishers as he made a brief walkabout outside Holyroodhouse when he arrived after flying up from London.

In his first official engagement as King of Scotland, he took part in the historic Ceremony of the Keys on arrival at Holyroodhouse.

The King was welcomed to Edinburgh by Lord Provost Robert Aldridge, inspected a guard of honour and was handed the keys to the city.

By tradition, the monarch returns the keys, entrusting their safekeeping to the city's representatives.

But last night, the hearts of the city's people belonged to the new King.



Honour...The Crown of Scotland is put on the coffin which was carried in by troops, inset

## Among PMs past and present, I pay tribute to Her Majesty

**Steph Spyro**

in St Giles' Cathedral



WE could hear Her Majesty's coffin arriving at St Giles' Cathedral long before we could see it.

Beneath the Gothic vaults of the Edinburgh church, the heavy patter of feet from soldiers of the Royal Regiment of Scotland echoed across the nave.

As they carried the coffin through the chancel, soft light poured in from the stained-glass windows.

In the presence of prime ministers past and present, I had the opportunity to show gratitude for Her Majesty's service.

The Queen's coffin, draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, was placed not more than 50ft from me.

A hymn – The Lord Is My Shepherd – rang out during the service.

The musical setting for Psalm 23 was composed in Scotland.

It was chosen for the late monarch's wedding.

The congregation included the knights of the thistle and senior members of the Royal Family.

Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, said of the Queen: "People who were in her company always felt that they were being listened to carefully and attentively, and with compassion."

"She possessed a sharp, intelligent



mind with amazing recall, a kindly heart and a gentle sense of humour.

"She understood the breadth of world affairs and also cared about what happened to all of her people."

As the Crown of Scotland atop the Queen's coffin glistened in the light, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon read Ecclesiastes 3:1-15.

She said: "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven..."

This includes "a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance..."

Although this sorrowful nation has much to grieve, it is clear it has had much to celebrate in the past 70 years because of Her Majesty.

It was in my native Johannesburg that I learnt that the Queen had been on a tour to South Africa when she celebrated her 21st birthday in 1947.

In a radio address from Cape Town, she dedicated her life to the Commonwealth.

Yesterday was my chance to pay tribute to Her Majesty.



Morning suit...Duke of York

## Andrew wears medals but there is no uniform

THE Duke of York displayed eight medals as he walked with the royal procession to St Giles' Cathedral – but he was not in uniform.

Andrew, in a morning coat, had a South Atlantic Medal and his others included the Silver, Golden, Diamond and Platinum Jubilee Medals, which were also worn by his brothers and sister.

King Charles was in a full day ceremonial uniform with the rank of Field Marshal, carrying a Field Marshal baton presented to him by the Queen when he took up the role in 2012. He also had the Order of Merit neck decoration.

The Earl of Wessex's rack included a New Zealand Medal and a Canadian Forces Medal. The Princess Royal had a Queen's Service Order, a Coronation Medal, a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

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# Despite the personal agony of his loss, Charles III looks every inch a king



IN their mix of tradition, pomp and reverence, the opening days of the period of mourning for the late Queen have been an outstanding success.

Carried out with precision and solemnity, the formalities have done full justice to our yearning to honour the memory of a great sovereign and provide an inspirational start to the new reign.

As have the huge crowds of mourners across the country and the global wave of tributes that emphasise the huge respect in which Elizabeth II was held worldwide.

## Generous

Those exacting ceremonial standards and public affection were again fully on display in yesterday's programme, which was dominated by two themes.

One was the enduring royal link to Scotland, epitomised by the late Queen's love of Balmoral.

The other was the importance of Parliament to the constitutional monarchy.

During the morning, more than 1,200 MPs and peers met to give their formal



## Leo McKinstry

Daily Express columnist

condolences to the new King in the historic, largely medieval setting of Westminster Hall, which was initially built 900 years ago and improved by Richard III 300 years later.

The first King Charles had been tried in the hall before his execution in 1649.

But relations between the Crown and Parliament have radically improved since then – as shown by the generous speeches by the speakers of each House, Lord McFall, a former teacher from Dumbarton, and Sir Lindsay Hoyle, a warm-hearted Lancastrian, representing the Commons.

Sir Lindsay, who is far less pompous than his predecessor John Bercow, was not afraid to be emotive, telling the King that "deep as our grief is, we know yours is deeper".

In addition, he raised a laugh when he

pointed out that an address had been made to the Queen by Parliament on the 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution of 1688, which established Britain's constitutional monarchy.

"It is perhaps very British to celebrate revolutions by giving an address," he said with a smile, to which the King gave an amused look.

Both Sir Lindsay and Lord McFall are former Labour MPs, which in itself is a striking illustration of how support for the Crown is embraced right across British politics.

Similarly, the changing face of Britain could also be seen in tandem with reverence for the past, for the proceedings were guided by the Lords' first female Black Rod Sarah Clarke, a former director of the Wimbledon

tennis championships, and the Commons' first black Sergeant-at-Arms, Nigerian-born engineer Ugbana Oyet.

In his response, the King gave another bravura performance in line with his excellent broadcast to the nation last Friday.

Despite the personal agony of his loss, Charles III has made a majestic start to his reign. Less than a week since his accession, he looks every inch a king.

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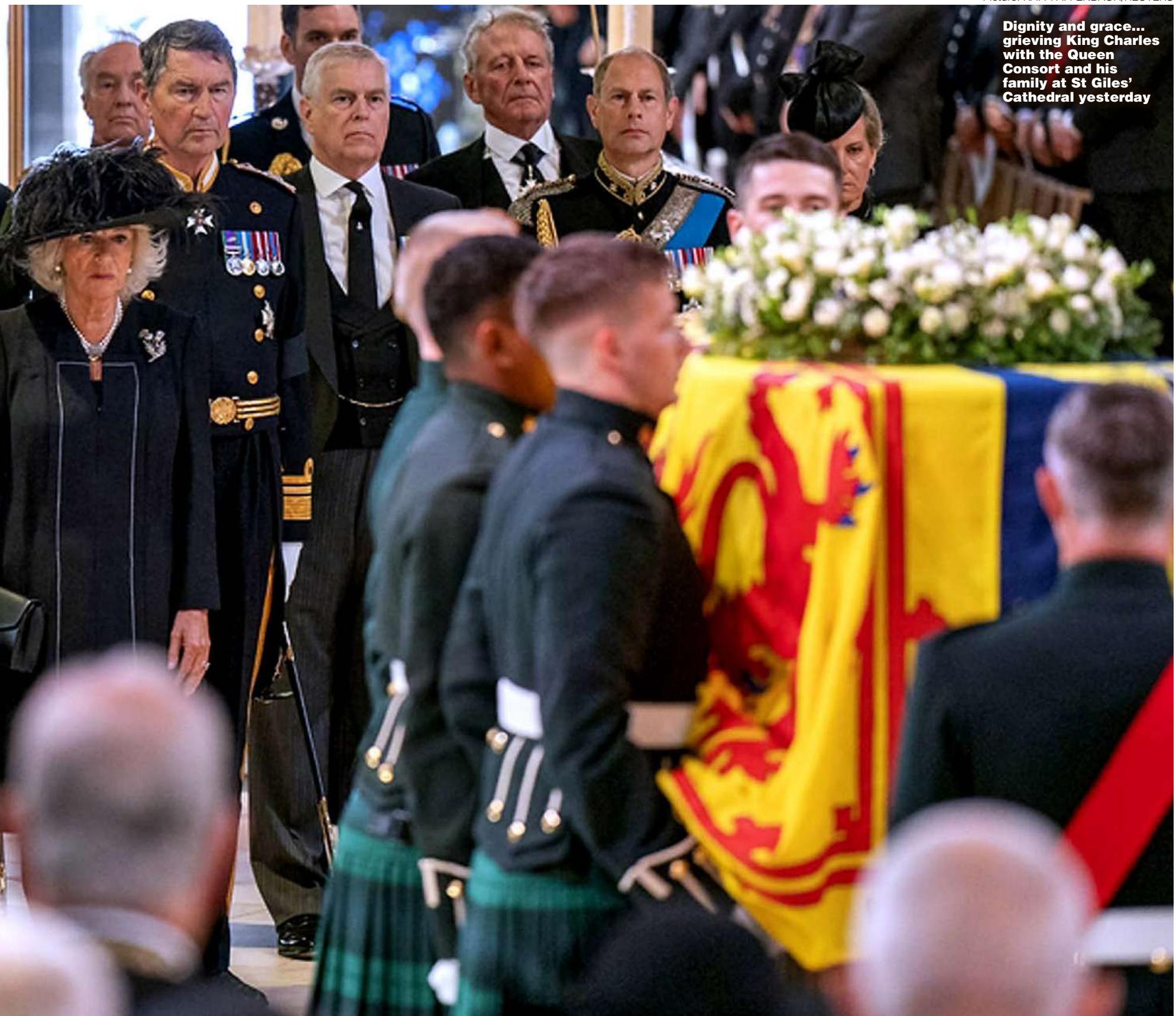
His former secretary Paddy Harverson said that he is "the hardest working person I have ever met", and in recent days he has proved the wisdom of that judgment as he maintains a punishing schedule.

In his address yesterday, he praised Parliament as "the living, breathing instrument of our democracy," thanked the members of both houses for their "commitment" to service and paid another fulsome tribute to his mother, quoting the words of William Shakespeare about Elizabeth I as "a pattern to all princes living".

Immediately after his visit to Westminster Hall, accompanied by the Queen Consort,

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**Dignity and grace...**  
grieving King Charles  
with the Queen  
Consort and his  
family at St Giles'  
Cathedral yesterday

the royal couple headed to RAF Northolt, from where they flew to Edinburgh for a series of events.

It emphasised both the strength of the Royal Family's bond with Scotland and the solemnity of this unique moment in the life of our union.

Among them were the Ceremony of the Keys, a time-honoured ritual where the new sovereign is presented with the keys to Edinburgh before handing them over to the city's Lord Provost for safe-keeping.

The King also inspected a detachment from the Royal Scottish Regiment, which, in another instance of fusing tradition with modernity, was created in 2006 from an amalgamation of several, much older units, like the Black Watch and the King's Own

Scottish Borderers. The centrepiece of the afternoon was a service of thanksgiving for the life of the late monarch in the ancient cathedral of St Giles in the heart of Edinburgh, a place whose stone walls resonate with history as much as those at Westminster Hall.

But perhaps the most poignant episode of the day occurred shortly before this, when the Queen's coffin began its journey from its temporary resting place at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

With the haunting lament of bagpipes filling the air, it was impossible not to feel a profound sense of sorrow as her casket, draped in the Royal Standard of Scotland, was carried out by soldiers and then placed in the hearse, which began the slow, stately

journey through the centre of the city to St Giles' Cathedral.

It was accompanied on foot by King Charles, wearing military uniform, and his three siblings – Prince Andrew, Princess Anne and Prince Edward – as well as members of the Company of Archers and mounted police.

The dignity of the procession towards the cathedral was made all the more moving by the near silence from the packed crowds that lined the route.

### Sublime

Little applause broke the sombre mood, which was reinforced by the sound of horses' hooves on the cobbles and the sound of the gun salute in the distance.

Once the coffin had been brought into the cathedral, the service began.

As in all the other elements of this memorable period of mourning, it was sublimely done. Spirituality mixed with majesty, from the beautiful singing of the choir to the fluent reading by the black-clad First Minister Nicola Sturgeon. Following the service at St

Giles', the King and Queen Consort attended a meeting of the Scottish Parliament, the devolved assembly which was formally opened by his mother in 1999.

Showing remarkable stamina, given that he is a bereaved man of 73, the sovereign made another powerful address in response to a motion of condolence.

Although the Parliament has not achieved the aim of its founders in extinguishing the flames of nationalism, the enormous outpouring of affection for the late Queen and the new King should surely bolster the union between England and Scotland.

Ms Sturgeon has behaved impeccably in recent days despite her attachment to political separation, a further indicator of the monarchy's power to dampen conflict.

The King's exhausting day was not over. In the evening, he had the sorrowful duty of leading his family in the vigil at his mother's coffin in St Giles' Cathedral. After all he has been through, it must have been an ordeal.

But once more, he performed his duty with dignity in the same resolute spirit that his late mother always showed. He has done her – and the whole nation – proud.

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## The King's Speech

HERE is the King's reply to the addresses of condolence from both Houses of Parliament, delivered at Westminster Hall, in full:

"My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

"I am deeply grateful for the Addresses of Condolence by the House of Lords and the House of Commons, which so touchingly encompass what our late sovereign, my beloved mother the Queen, meant to us all. As Shakespeare says of the earlier Queen Elizabeth, she was 'a pattern to all princes living'.

"As I stand before you today, I cannot help but feel the weight of history which surrounds us and which reminds us of the vital Parliamentary traditions to which members of both Houses dedicate yourselves, with such personal commitment for the betterment of us all.

"Parliament is the living and breathing instrument of our democracy. That your traditions are ancient we see in the construction of this great hall and the reminders of medieval predecessors of the office to which I have been called.

"And the tangible connections to my darling late mother we see all around us; from the fountain in New Palace Yard which commemorates the late Queen's Silver Jubilee to the sundial in Old Palace Yard for the Golden Jubilee, the magnificent stained glass window before me for the Diamond Jubilee and, so poignantly and yet to be formally unveiled, your most generous gift to her late Majesty to mark the unprecedented Platinum Jubilee which we celebrated only three months ago, with such joyful hearts.

"The great bell of Big Ben – one of the most powerful symbols of our nation throughout the world and housed within the Elizabeth Tower also named for my mother's Diamond Jubilee – will mark the passage of the late Queen's progress from Buckingham Palace to this Parliament on Wednesday.

"My Lords and Members of the House of Commons: we gather today in remembrance of the remarkable span of The Queen's dedicated service to her nations and peoples. While very young, her late Majesty pledged herself to serve her country and her people and to maintain the precious principles of constitutional government which lie at the heart of our nation.

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"She set an example of selfless duty which, with God's help and your counsels, I am resolved faithfully to follow."

*Tributes...King Charles III at the Westminster memorial service with the Queen Consort. Below, with Lord Speaker John McFall*



# Monarch vows to 'faithfully follow' Queen's example of 'selfless duty'



KING Charles III vowed to faithfully follow his "darling" mother's life of selfless duty in an historic address to both Houses of Parliament.

Quoting from Shakespeare, he described the Queen as "a pattern to all princes living" and spoke movingly of her "unsurpassed devotion" to the role.

The King said he was "deeply grateful" for the formal condolences expressed by MPs and peers during the poignant ceremony held in Westminster Hall.

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### Example

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The King and Queen Consort, dressed in black, arrived for the "addresses to the sovereign" to a fanfare of trumpets from the Household Cavalry.

Minutes earlier, the King's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard, dressed in their distinctive Tudor uniforms of red, white and yellow, and the Honourable Corps of Gentlemen at Arms, wearing helmets with white swan feather plumes, slow marched to the steps of the Great Hall to stand in

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watch over the monarch. MPs and peers were seated under the medieval timbered roof, with Prime Minister Liz Truss and Leader of the Opposition Sir Keir Starmer, along with former premiers Boris Johnson and Theresa May in the crowd.

With Camilla by his side, the King listened as Lord Speaker, Lord McFall, read condolence on behalf of peers conveying "the deep sympathy felt by this House in the grief Your Majesty has sustained by the death of our late beloved Queen Your Majesty's mother of blessed and glorious memory".

The King appeared amused when Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle mentioned the Glorious Revolution in his address to the monarch.

Sir Lindsay offered "our heartfelt sympathy" to Charles and the Royal Family in his speech, before recalling the many occasions in which the Queen visited Westminster Hall.

He recounted the time she came to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the Glorious Revolution, before joking: "It is perhaps very British to celebrate revolutions by presenting an address to Her Majesty."

The Glorious Revolution permanently established Parliament as the ruling power of England and, later, the United Kingdom, representing a shift from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional monarchy.

The addresses to the sovereign is a traditional ceremony that highlights the constitutional relationship between the monarchy and parliament. It was held in Westminster Hall, which has borne



Memorial...  
the King  
addresses  
peers and  
MPs.  
Above,  
Sir Keir  
Starmer  
and Prime  
Minister  
Liz Truss.  
Left,  
former PM  
Boris  
Johnson

witness to some of the most momentous turning points over the last 1,000 years. King Charles I was tried and condemned to death in the hall in 1649.

It has been the venue for the lying-in-state of Prime Ministers and Royals, including Sir Winston Churchill and the Queen Mother and, from tomorrow, Queen Elizabeth II.

Westminster Hall has also been used for celebrations to mark important moments, such as the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War and

the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, Golden Jubilee in 2002 and Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

To mark her Diamond Jubilee, a stained glass window was installed. Charles said: "As I stand before you today, I cannot help but feel the weight of history which surrounds us and which reminds us of the vital Parliamentary traditions to which members of both Houses dedicate yourselves, with such personal commitment for the betterment of us all."

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Marching on...King's Body Guard at Westminster Hall

## HALL'S COLOURFUL HISTORY

By Mark Reynolds

WESTMINSTER Hall, where the Queen's body will lie in state from tomorrow, is steeped in 900 years of history.

It was built for William II, the son of William the Conqueror, in 1097 to 99 and is the oldest part of the Palace of Westminster.

Originally it was the largest hall in England, measuring an impressive 240ft by 65ft.

It was constructed to impress William II's new subjects.

When he first inspected it, one of his attendants remarked that it was much larger than needed. The King replied that it was "a mere bedchamber" when compared to what he had in mind and wasn't large enough.

The hall has witnessed the trials of Guy Fawkes and King Charles I.

And it was where William Gladstone, Sir Winston Churchill, King George VI and his wife, the Queen Mother, all lay in state.

However, in accordance with

his wishes, the Duke of Edinburgh did not lie in state there after his death in 2021 – due to the pandemic – as crowds were not allowed to gather last year.

The hall, now grade I listed, still holds the title of Europe's largest unsupported medieval roof. And despite a fire in 1834 and the dropping of a dozen German bombs in 1941, it is a proud reminder of our history.

The building's original roof still poses a mystery, though.

It wasn't until the 13th or 14th century that carpenters could create roofs significantly wider than the length of the available timber. So it was assumed that a single or double row of columns was needed to support the hall's roof. But recent archaeological tests found no evidence of these columns, suggesting it has somehow supported itself since construction.



Pub tribute...Kellie Bright

EastEnders say thank you Ma'am

By **Mike Bedigan**

EASTENDERS paid a touching tribute to the Queen yesterday, likening her death to the country "losing its nan".

In a scene before the BBC One soap's opening credits rolled, characters Linda Carter (Kellie Bright), Denise Fox (Diane Parish) and Kathy Beale (Gilligan Taylforth) gathered around a photo of Her Majesty in the Queen Vic pub. There they discuss her "selfless" life of service.

The scene ended with Linda placing the Queen's picture in front of a bust of Queen Victoria, saying: "Thank you Ma'am, from all of us."

Addressing the bust, she adds: "Look after her, won't you?"

**Football fixtures called off**

By **Liz Perkins**

THE Premier League plans to postpone three football matches due to the state funeral.

Seven out of the 10 fixtures go ahead as normal this weekend.

But Manchester United's home game against Leeds and Liverpool's match at Chelsea, both set to take place on Sunday, have been called off.

Brighton's home game against Crystal Palace will still not go ahead. It was moved originally due to the rail strike, which will now not happen.

The Premier League said the decisions were triggered by the high level of policing needed to cover the funeral with so many officers heading to London.

Some Premier League teams will be in action this week against European sides.

# 'In the hills of this land and the hearts of its people we found a haven and a home'



Historic address...King Charles is welcomed to Holyrood Parliament, top and below, hears moving condolence motion, above, and later bids farewell to staff



KING Charles declared his admiration for the "magnificent achievements and indomitable spirit" of the Scottish people yesterday.

In a heartfelt address, he told the Holyrood Parliament the country had always been a "haven and home" for him and his family.

And the kilt-clad King vowed to "seek the welfare" of Scotland during his reign.

He told MSPs: "I know that the Scottish Parliament and the people of Scotland share with me a profound sense of grief at the death of my beloved mother.

"Through all the years of her reign, the Queen like so many generations of our family before her, found in the hills of this land and in the hearts of its people, a haven and a home.

"If I might paraphrase the words of the great Robert Burns, my dear mother was a friend of man, a friend of truth, a friend of age and guide of youth. Few hearts like hers, with virtue warmed, few heads with knowledge so informed."

The King said his other Scottish titles, including Duke of Rothesay, had now passed to his son William.

He added: "I take up my new duties with thankfulness for all that Scotland has given me.

"With resolve to seek always the welfare of our country and its people and with whole-hearted trust in your goodwill and good counsel as we take forward that task together."

Accompanied by the Queen Consort, Charles made his historic appearance four days after the Queen died at her Balmoral estate in the Scottish Highlands.

The First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, said Scotland "stands ready" to support the King as he continues his mother's "extraordinary legacy" of

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public service. Ms Sturgeon added: "Queen Elizabeth, Queen of Scots – we are grateful for her life. May she now rest in peace."

And in an amusing anecdote, Ms Sturgeon revealed her husband, Peter Murrell, saved one of the Queen's corgis from being electrocuted at Balmoral.

As she moved a motion of condolence, she said Mr Murrell had rushed forward to stop the dog, a puppy named Sandy, from chewing through a lamp switch after a light began to flicker.

She said: "Thankfully, tragedy was averted and Sandy emerged unscathed, though not before a tickling off from his mistress."

Scottish Tory leader Douglas Ross described the Queen as "an anchor to our history", saying she "seemed as permanent as the stones of Edinburgh Castle".

He pointed out Charles was the first sovereign to accede to the throne while on Scottish soil in more than 400 years.

Earlier, Charles had a private audience with SNP leader Ms Sturgeon at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, the monarch's official residence in Scotland. It was originally a monastery at the foot of Edinburgh's Royal Mile. The Queen visited annually for Holyrood Week, marking Scottish culture and achievements.

Scottish Parliament presiding officer, Alison Johnstone, said the King's visit marked a "milestone" for the country.

Charles also met Anas Sarwar of Scottish Labour, Lorna Slater of the Scottish Greens and Alex Cole-Hamilton of the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

**'Scotland stands ready as the King continues legacy'**

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Warm wishes...a kilted King Charles and Camilla meet Scotland's First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon, in Scottish Parliament's Garden Lobby yesterday

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## COMMENT

### SAM LISTER

Political Editor



ALL corners of the United Kingdom have been shaken by grief following the death of the Queen, not least in Scotland.

The affection the Scottish people held for the late monarch is clear to see – as footage of the thousands who watched the Queen's coffin on its journey up the Royal Mile in Edinburgh showed.

It was a mutual affection and it was no surprise Her Majesty stayed at her beloved Balmoral as her health was failing.

The new King inherited a love for the Highlands from his mother and regularly retreats to his Birkhall estate.

But he faces the real threat of Scotland breaking away from the rest of the UK with the new push for independence by the Scottish National Party.

Far from the 2014 referendum putting a lid on the issue for a generation, First Minister Nicola Sturgeon wants another vote.

In a speech to the Scottish Parliament as the King watched on yesterday, Ms Sturgeon promised Scotland "stands ready" to support him in his public service.

### Ties

The First Minister spoke of his mother as the "Queen of Scots" and paid tribute to her "extraordinary legacy".

Ms Sturgeon has always insisted independence from Westminster does not mean breaking away from the monarchy. Her MPs insist King Charles would be head of state for an independent Scotland.

But it is hard to see how that position would hold if a breakaway bid is successful.

The SNP's last attempt to separate was something the Queen let it be known she believed voters should think "very carefully" about.

David Cameron was caught on camera claiming she "purred down the line" when he phoned to say Scotland had voted no. The UK Government says it is too soon for another vote but Ms Sturgeon is challenging this in the courts.

Polls have tightened on whether Scots want to leave and traditionally they have been more ambivalent about the Royal Family. But in times of turmoil domestically and internationally, the monarch represents stability and certainty. The end of the Elizabethan era and the start of a new Carolean age is a seamless transition.

Scotland has been front and centre of that, a demonstration that while some Scots feel Westminster and its politicians are remote, the monarch is anything but. Hundreds of thousands turned out to pay their respects to the Queen yesterday. It holds out hope that the ties that bind the UK, with the monarchy at their heart, will make voters "think very carefully" again if asked to back independence.

# We owe it to our Queen



## DAILY EXPRESS

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THE LOSS of our Queen has opened up a wellspring of gratitude in every part of the country she led with such diligence for seven decades. At St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh yesterday, King Charles III joined fellow members of the Royal Family, both Prime Minister Liz Truss and First Minister Nicola Sturgeon, and people from across Scotland in thanksgiving.

In the coming days, people throughout the UK will continue to mourn the death of the Queen but also rejoice in her life of service and all she did to build the wonderful country we are privileged to call home.

There was relief and gratitude throughout the UK in 2014 when Scots chose not to vote for independence in that year's referendum. The beauty of yesterday's commemorations reminded us of the grandeur of Scotland's living heritage, and what a rare wonder it is that our one country can accommodate and celebrate the distinct cultures and aspirations of different nations.

Separatists have every right to make the case for breaking away – and the SNP stressed at the time of the referendum that the Queen would continue to reign over an independent Scotland – but there would be national heartbreak if Scots decided that the best path to progress for their beloved nation was to initiate divorce proceedings.

Shortly before the referendum, the Queen was heard saying she hoped people would "think very carefully about the future".

We hope that the solidarity now felt throughout the UK as we express our sympathy to the Royal Family and our appreciation for the Queen's life will remind us all there is a precious beauty in unity.

Through times of glory and crisis, our lives have been woven together. Our marvellous tapestry of a country has been composed over centuries and is a work in progress. Unthreading this masterpiece would be the desecration of a dream that together our peoples can enrich the world.

The surest way to guarantee that citizens in every province and nation of the UK thrive is not to rupture our union but to follow the Queen's example and demonstrate respect, support and love for all its peoples.

YESTERDAY'S events in both Scotland and England showcased the vibrancy and complexity of our democracy. The King started his day by addressing MPs and peers in Westminster Hall, which dates back to 1097, and later visited the Scottish Parliament, which held its first session in 1999.

Tradition and innovation combine in the workings of the country's different governments and legislatures. The Queen demonstrated immense respect for both the ancient UK Parliament and the legislatures in Belfast, Cardiff and Scotland that were born

Picture: ANDY BUCHANAN/AFP

**ONE NATION: Pro-union crowds celebrate as separatists walk by after the 2014 Scottish independence referendum**



on her watch. As King Charles said in his first address after the death of his mother, she exhibited "that abiding love of tradition, together with that fearless embrace of progress, which make us great as nations".

The enormity of the crowds that thronged the streets of Edinburgh yesterday to watch the procession of her coffin from the Palace of Holyroodhouse to the cathedral is proof of the admiration and love that the people of Scotland had for their late Queen.

Such devotion is not inherited but earned anew in each generation, and the King will work to strengthen bonds of trust and friendship with the citizens of all parts of the UK.

This is a mission we should all embrace as we consider the future of our country. The

passing of our Queen has brought a rare moment of stillness to our normally frenetic public square; as we reflect on the glories of her reign, we also see just how richly blessed we are to live in a land that – for all its challenges – shines in a troubled world as a realm of justice and democracy, safety and refuge, prosperity and tolerance.

A member of the crowd outside Holyroodhouse thanked the King and the Queen Consort, Camilla, for Britain's support for Ukraine since Russia's invasion.

Just as the people of Ukraine long for the peace we know here today, many Russians yearn for a society no longer rotten with corruption or locked in a murderous conflict.

The message of thanks from this well-

**'We hope the solidarity felt throughout the UK as we express our appreciation of the Queen's life will remind us all there is a precious beauty in unity'**

# to cherish our union



QUEEN FOR ALL: Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon had an audience with Her Majesty in June at Holyroodhouse; Ms Sturgeon and independence campaigners, below, in 2014



wisher was a powerful reminder that neither our security nor the values that the Queen did so much to defend and advance throughout her life can ever be taken for granted.

King Charles has pledged to cherish our democracy and the commitment to service that defined his mother's reign. If this season of commemoration and thanksgiving results in multitudes of people resolving to embrace the values of the Queen in our own lives then a time of national renewal may begin.

The dazzling pageantry that accompanied the proclamation of the King reminded us that ours is a country like no other, but our common belief that those blessed with power and privilege should defend the vulnerable remains revolutionary. Throughout

his life, King Charles has sought to give a voice to the least well off and unlock opportunities for young people. It is no surprise his heart has been fixed on such noble goals.

Every day he spent with his mother was an opportunity to learn from one of the very greatest monarchs the world has known. She will never cease to inspire him.

Speaking in Westminster Hall yesterday, he paid tribute by quoting Shakespeare's description of Queen Elizabeth I as a "pattern to all princes living".

He told parliamentarians: "While very young, Her Late Majesty pledged herself to serve her country and her people and to maintain the precious principles of constitutional government which lie at the

heart of our nation. This vow she kept with unsurpassed devotion. She set an example of selfless duty which, with God's help and your counsels, I am resolved faithfully to follow."

**F**OR THE Queen, a woman of profound personal faith, the plea for God's help was much more than a rhetorical flourish.

The service at St Giles' Cathedral yesterday included these words from St Paul: "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are

called according to his purpose." Our new King, who shares her faith and who has not put a foot wrong in these dramatic but grief-infused first days of his reign, will take comfort in this hope.

His mother embraced her calling with gladness and a phenomenal sense of purpose, inspirationally working for the good of our family of nations.

We thank our new King for how he will comfort us in times of crisis, embolden us when we need courage, and – when tensions and grievances threaten to divide us – gently remind us of the precious values we together treasure.

## COMMENT

PHIL DAMPIER  
Royal author

PRINCE Harry's statement praising the Queen as a "guiding compass" to so many was undoubtedly heartfelt, well thought out and sincere.

But many will be asking how he managed to lose his way in recent months and cause her so much distress.

I don't have any doubt that he loved her deeply.

But surely he must have realised the pain she suffered as she saw him leave the bosom of the Royal Family and then fire potshots at the monarchy from their new home in California.

Knowing that she was 96 and increasingly frail it seems incredible that the couple had no plans to visit her at Balmoral during what was due to be a brief visit to Europe.

Now it's too late.

It was only by chance that the Sussexes were in the country when she died but now they will undoubtedly stay on for the funeral.

Harry and the Queen shared a wonderful sense of humour when he was in a more carefree place.

When the Queen first got a mobile phone she asked him to record a voicemail message.

It went: "Hey, wassup? This is Liz.

"Sorry I'm away from the throne.

"Press one for Philip, two for Charles and three for the corgis!"

## Proud

The Queen's private secretary Robin Janvrin got the shock of his life when he heard it, but the Queen just laughed.

Harry talks to the Queen directly in the second moving part of the statement, telling her he is forever grateful for their first meetings, as a child and when he was in the army.

He calls her his Commander-in-Chief and the Queen was as worried about his safety in Afghanistan as she was about Prince Andrew in the Falklands – but equally as proud when he returned unharmed.

He remembers Her Majesty meeting Meghan and hugging her great-grandchildren Archie and Lilibet.

But the sad truth is that she met them only a couple of times and never got to know them.

Again, why did he and Meghan keep their children away so long from the family who loved them?

Harry tells the Queen he will honour his father Charles as the new King, and let's take him at his word.

The walkabout with William and Kate, the moving statement and attendance at the funeral are all first steps towards healing the rift.

But it will take deeds not words to convince us all that Harry's motives are true.

Statement from Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex:

In celebrating the life of my grandmother, Her Majesty The Queen —and in mourning her loss—we are all reminded of the guiding compass she was to so many in her commitment to service and duty. She was globally admired and respected. Her unwavering grace and dignity remained true throughout her life and now her everlasting legacy. Let us echo the words she spoke after the passing of her husband, Prince Philip, words which can bring comfort to all of us now: "Life, of course, consists of final partings as well as first meetings."

Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings—from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren. I cherish these times shared with you, and the many other special moments in between. You are already sorely missed, not just by us, but by the world over. And as it comes to first meetings, we now honour my father in his new role as King Charles III.

Thank you for your commitment to service.

Thank you for your sound advice.

Thank you for your infectious smile.

We, too, smile knowing that you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace.

# My granny...my

PRINCE Harry paid an emotional tribute to his beloved "granny", describing her as the nation's "guiding compass" and thanking her for her years of sound advice.

The Duke of Sussex said the Queen will be remembered for her "unwavering grace and dignity" as well as her "infectious smile".

He added: "We, too, smile knowing you and grandpa are reunited now, and both together in peace."

The statement, understood to have been held back a day out of respect for the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 attack on New York's Twin Towers, said the Queen was "globally admired and respected" and that she will be missed "by the world over".

Prince Harry said he drew comfort from her words after the death of Prince Philip, when she said life consisted of "final partings as well

By **Hanna Geissler** in Windsor

as first meetings". He went on: "Granny, while this final parting brings us great sadness, I am forever grateful for all of our first meetings – from my earliest childhood memories with you, to meeting you for the first time as my Commander-in-Chief, to the first moment you met my darling wife

and hugged your beloved great-grandchildren.

"I cherish these times shared with you, and the many other special moments in between."

The welcome sign of respect also had Prince Harry pledging to "honour my father in his new role as King Charles III".

The statement came two days after the Duke and Duchess of

Sussex joined the new Prince and Princess of Wales at Windsor Castle and further raised hopes that the difficult relationship between the brothers could be smoothed out.

Despite a well-documented rift between the pair, they and their wives put their differences aside to view floral tributes left for the Queen on Saturday.

Two years have passed since the four were last together side by side in public at the 2020 Commonwealth Day church service.

It is understood William invited Harry to join them for the 40-minute walkabout and a royal source said the Prince of Wales thought it was an "important show of unity".

The apparent thawing of the brothers' frosty relationship raised hopes they may walk side by side at the Queen's funeral on Monday.

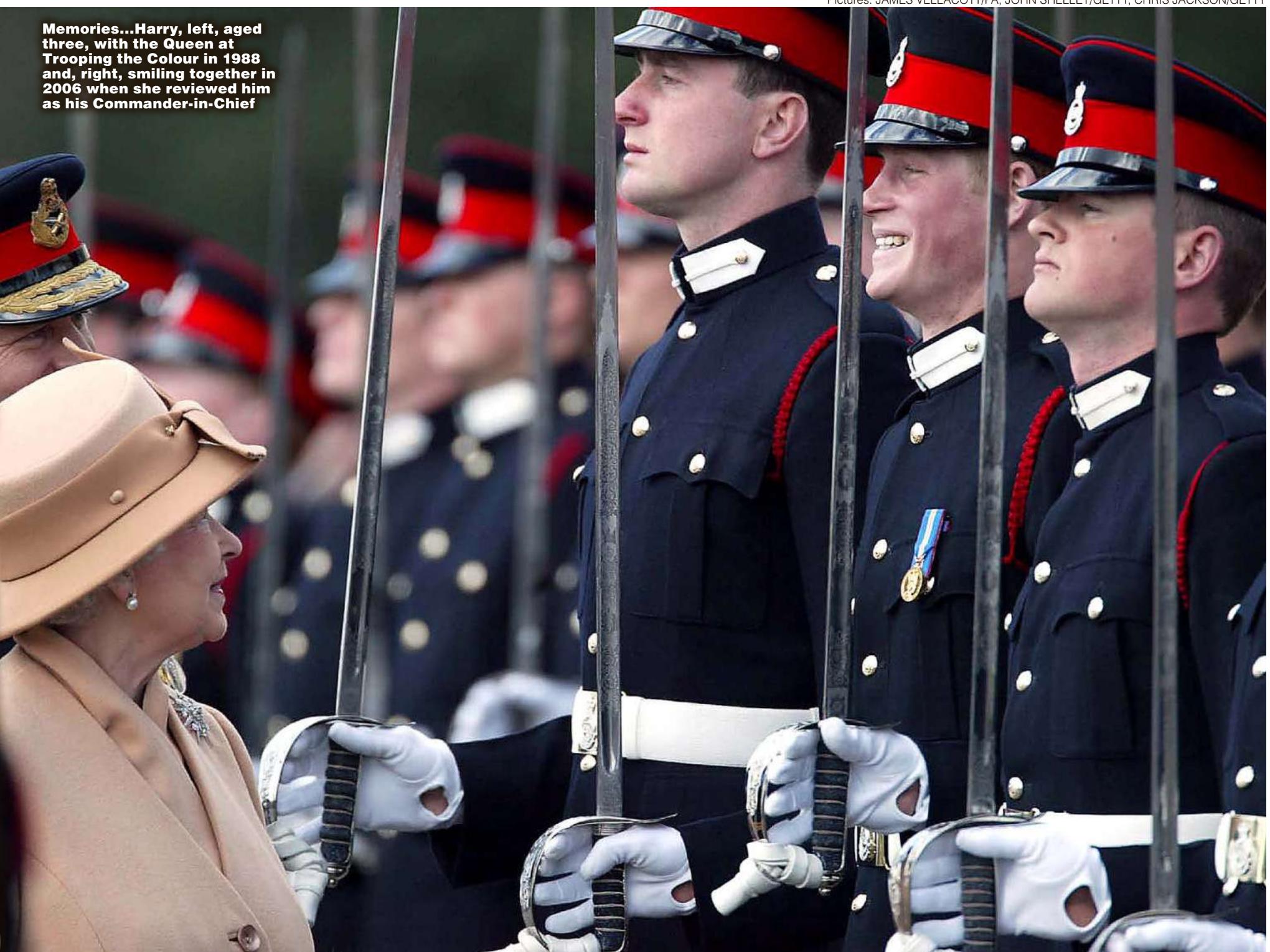
It was not clear whether Harry



United front...Kate, William, Harry and Meghan at Windsor on Saturday

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**Memories...**Harry, left, aged three, with the Queen at Trooping the Colour in 1988 and, right, smiling together in 2006 when she reviewed him as his Commander-in-Chief



# commander-in-chief

and Meghan's children – three-year-old Archie and Lilibet, 15 months – would cross the Atlantic to join them, though it has been suggested that Meghan's mother Doria may bring the pair over.

Well-wishers at Windsor said they hoped the brothers' shared grief would reunite them.

Friends Joan Welland and Judith Winship had travelled from

Reading to pay their respects to Her Majesty. Joan, 76, said of their appearance on Saturday: "When I saw them together, I wanted to cry. I hope it's long-term."

"I do understand why Harry and Meghan went away."

"When she came into the Royal Family, I thought, 'How wonderful, it's now a more diverse family'."

"It's a shame it went the way it

did." Denise Carr, 60, who was visiting from Aylesbury, Bucks, with her mum Doreen, said: "Hopefully, this can bring them back together and they can draw a line in the sand and say, 'Let's start again'."

But others were less optimistic.

Peter Swilhoe said: "I think the thorn between them is Meghan."

The 78-year-old served in the Armed Forces for 24 years and was

a member of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

He was in Kuwait in 1979 when Her Majesty visited and added: "I had seen a lot of dignitaries arrive but when the Queen came it was totally different."

"They cleaned roads, laid flowers down the central reservations of the motorway, put arches up saying, 'Welcome

Queen Elizabeth II'." That is the difference between our head of state and those of other countries. She is known across the world."

More floral tributes piled up outside the Cambridge Gate at Windsor yesterday.

Keith Phipps, 69, paid his respects after serving in the forces for two decades and working at the House of Lords for 25 years.

His wife Sue, 67, said the pair had happy memories of meeting the late monarch. She added: "The Queen has been his boss for such a long time."

"She's such an amazing woman and what she promised on her 21st birthday to serve the country is what she managed to carry through. She's just an example to us all."

## BAN ON ANDREW AND HARRY WEARING MILITARY UNIFORMS TO STATE FUNERAL

**PRINCE** Andrew and Prince Harry are not allowed to wear military uniforms to the Queen's funeral despite being the Royal Family's most recent veterans.

The King and other working royals will do so for all ceremonial events in the nation's farewell to the late monarch.

But family members who do not undertake official duties will not be

By **Richard Palmer**

allowed to wear military attire. However, a special exception has been made for Andrew, as one of the Queen's children, to wear ceremonial attire at the Vigil of the Princes when his mother's coffin is lying in state in Westminster Hall. He and his three siblings will stand at each

corner of the catafalque, on which the casket will be displayed. Allowing the Duke of York, 62, to wear his uniform was said by a source to be "a special mark of respect" for Her Majesty. Andrew was in civilian dress in Edinburgh yesterday.

Veteran...Andrew in ceremonial attire



# 12-hour, three-mile queue

## DAILY EVENTS CULMINATING WITH QUEEN'S FUNERAL

### TODAY

King Charles III and the Queen Consort will return from Northern Ireland to meet the hearse which arrives with the Queen's coffin at Edinburgh Airport at 6pm. The Princess Royal will accompany it on an hour-long flight to RAF Northolt in north-west London. Guards of honour will salute the departure from Scotland and the arrival in England.

The state hearse will take the coffin to Buckingham Palace, where it will be placed in the Bow Room, allowing members of the royal household to pay their respects and hold prayers.

### TOMORROW

The Imperial State Crown and flowers will be placed on top of the coffin. At 2.22pm, it will be taken in procession by gun carriage from Buckingham Palace to the Palace of Westminster, with royals walking behind. It will arrive at the Palace of Westminster at 3pm, where the Archbishop of Canterbury will hold a short service.

From 5pm, the Queen will lie in state in Westminster Hall for four days. Members of the public have been warned they face a 12-hour wait to file past the catafalque. Senior royals are also expected to stand guard around the coffin, in a tradition known as the Vigil of the Princes.

### THURSDAY

A rehearsal is expected to take place for the state funeral on Monday, September 19, the biggest since Sir Winston Churchill's in 1965.

### FRIDAY - SUNDAY

King Charles III will visit Wales. The Queen's lying-in-state will end at 6.30am on Monday.

### SUNDAY

National one-minute silence at 8pm.

### MONDAY

The Queen's coffin will proceed on a gun carriage to Westminster Abbey.

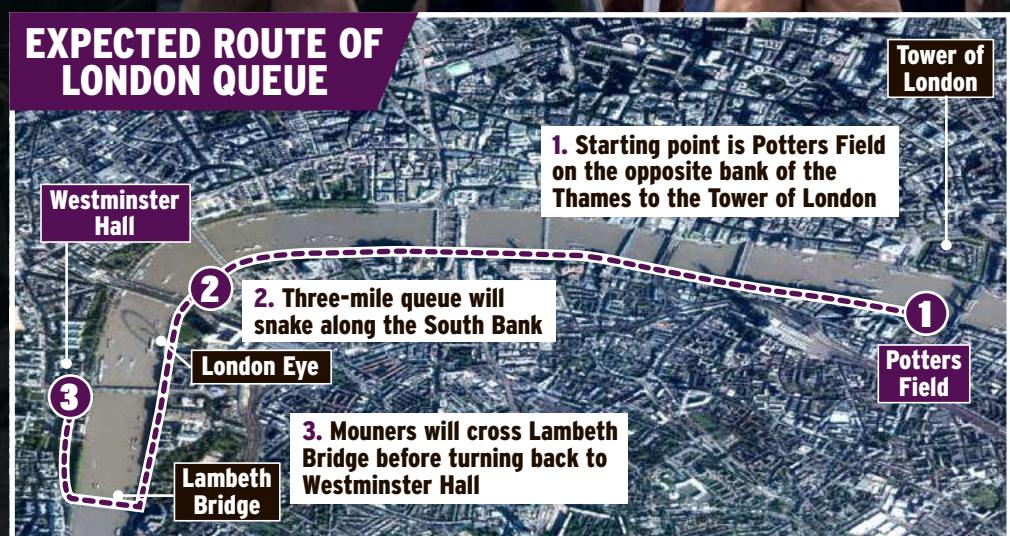
Senior members of the royal family will follow behind. The state funeral will take place in the same spot where she married Philip in 1947 and where he pledged to be "her liege man of life and limb" at her coronation 70 years ago.

The 11am televised service will be conducted by the Dean of Westminster. A national two minutes' silence will be observed.

Afterwards her coffin will be taken to Windsor for a committal. Her final resting place will be the King George VI memorial chapel. King Charles has proclaimed that Monday will be a bank holiday to allow British people to mourn and pay their respects.



## EXPECTED ROUTE OF LONDON QUEUE



THE head of Scotland Yard has admitted policing hundreds of thousands of people waiting to see the Queen lying in state at Westminster Hall will be a "massive challenge".

Mourners have been warned they could be in line for at least 12 hours to see the coffin, with queues snaking for perhaps just over three miles around the South Bank in central London.

### Challenge

Crowd barriers and portable toilets have been set up prior to the majority of people arriving.

Extra security staff and additional police will be in place along the route to keep people safe.

Sir Mark Rowley, who took charge of Britain's biggest force yesterday, said: "It's a massive

challenge for the Metropolitan Police and for me personally but we have been preparing for many, many years.

"There are some very diligent and determined people who have put a lot of effort into this, and indeed myself in my previous roles in the Met. Five or six years ago, I was involved in some of that planning and I have been involved in a review recently.

"Most of all, I have a lot of trust and confidence in the fantastic officers who are going to support this event and help make it safe.

"They have been working with colleagues from across government, the Royal Household and others.

"We'll have a safe event. We'll be putting thousands of officers into

this because of the level of security required and the millions of people who want to pay their respects."

The first few people began to arrive yesterday afternoon for the lying in state – some 48 hours early – with as many as one million people possibly attempting to queue over the four days.

The public will be able to file past the coffin in Westminster Hall 24

hours a day until the morning of the funeral on Monday.

People will need to stand for "many hours, possibly overnight" with very little opportunity to sit down as the queue will be continuously moving.

Visitors will go through airport-style security and there are tight restrictions on what you can take in, with people allowed just one

small bag with one simple opening. They will not be able to leave flowers, cuddly toys or any other tributes beside the Queen's coffin.

Queue-jumpers and anyone drunk will be booted out of the line by stewards and police.

The Government has confirmed the Army will be available to assist with 1,500 personnel on hand.

Anne, 63, from Cardiff, said she

## ROYAL SALUTE AT EDINBURGH AND LONDON FOR MONARCH ON

THE Princess Royal and her husband will accompany the Queen's coffin as it is conveyed from Edinburgh to London today.

The late Monarch's casket will be taken from St Giles' Cathedral to Edinburgh airport, where it will be placed on an RAF jet by the force's Bearer Party. A Guard of

By Robert Kellaway

Honour will be formed by The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

There will be a Royal Salute when it arrives and the Band of the Royal Regiment of Scotland will also be present.

As the aircraft departs for RAF

Northolt in west London, the Guard of Honour will give a final Royal Salute. The Band will play a verse of the National Anthem.

At Northolt, the Bearer Party and Guard of Honour will be formed by The Queen's Colour Squadron (63 Squadron RAF Regiment). It will convey the

# to pay respects

Picture: CHRIS J RATCLIFFE, CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY, REUTERS/MAJA SMIEJKOWSKA



Sombre...soldiers in rehearsals at their London barracks amid preparations for the state funeral

has been up since 3am this morning so she could get a good spot.

She added: "There are some wonderful people here. Somebody asked if I want a Deliveroo. We are going to make a lot more friends."

Some barriers have already been put in place for the queue route, which will run east to west along from Potters Field opposite the Tower of London, along the south

of the Thames before passing over Lambeth Bridge and doubling back towards Parliament Square.

People won't be allowed to camp and will be given numbered wristbands to indicate their place so they can leave and come back.

Full details will be released at 10am today.

## Busy

Prime Minister Liz Truss' spokesman said: "At this point, we can't be more specific on numbers. We do expect it to be extremely busy."

Preparations are well underway for the funeral with soldiers yesterday rehearsing for the procession.

Sombre Life Guards with swords were pictured at Wellington Barracks carrying an empty coffin draped in black and laying it down on a horse-drawn gun carriage.

## HER FINAL FLIGHT

coffin to the state hearse, which will then transport the coffin to Buckingham Palace via the A40, Lancaster Gate, Marble Arch, Park Lane, Hyde Park Corner and Constitution Hill.

The Queen's coffin will rest in the Bow Room at Buckingham Palace overnight.



Condolences...Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky writes in a book in Kyiv

## Security clampdown 'put on world elite'

By Mark Reynolds

LEADERS from across the world, including US President Joe Biden, will be bussed into Westminster on the final leg of their trip to the Queen's funeral.

A blanket ban on private jets and helicopters is also in place for Monday's ceremony.

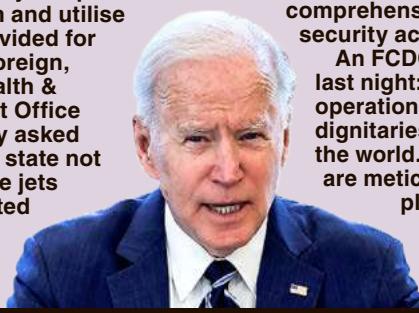
The move means heads of state and their spouses – including Mr Biden, below, French leader Emmanuel Macron and Japan's Emperor Naruhito – will be ferried into central London.

## Condolence

Leaked documents reveal Whitehall has issued the strict guidance for all dignitaries arriving in the UK to pay their respects to Her Majesty.

The Politico news website claims the communication, sent to embassies late on Saturday, states the political elite will be unable to use their own cars to get to Westminster Abbey.

Instead, they will park in west London and utilise coaches provided for them. The Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office has allegedly asked the heads of state not to use private jets and has limited spaces at the event to two per



nation. This means those unable to attend – not least Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky who yesterday signed a condolence book in Kyiv – can send representatives.

But elements of the plan have been met with amazement in some quarters – with one foreign ambassador complaining: "Can you imagine Joe Biden on the bus?"

Yet the document claims "tight security and road restrictions" make the rules vital and they said Heathrow was simply "not available for private flight arrangements".

Helicopter transfers are also out "due to the number of flights operating at this time".

The document states the FCDO "regrets that, because of limited space, no other members of the principal guest's family, staff or entourage may be admitted".

But it promised: "Multiple and comprehensive layers of security across London." An FCDO source said last night: "It is a huge operation with 500 dignitaries from across the world. The logistics are meticulously planned to try to make it as smooth as possible."

## THE LEADERS ATTENDING FUNERAL

US President Joe Biden  
French President Emmanuel Macron  
German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier  
New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern  
Japan's Emperor Naruhito  
Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen  
President of Austria Alexander Van der Bellen

Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese

Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan

Poland's President Andrzej Duda

Italy's President Sergio Mattarella

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro

South Korea's President Yoon Suk-yeol  
Spain's King Felipe VI  
Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe  
Representatives of the Royal families of Belgium, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands

**Not yet known:**  
India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi  
Chinese President Xi

**Possible, but unlikely:**  
Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky

**Not invited:**  
Russia's Vladimir Putin  
Former US President Donald Trump

# Biggest ever security op underway

By John Twomey

SPECIALLY trained police on the alert for “lone wolf” terrorists will scan crowds of mourners waiting to pay their respects to the Queen.

They have been drilled in spotting the behaviour of extremists who may seek to “blend in” before suddenly striking with knives, guns or home-made bombs.

Police snipers on rooftops and marksmen on the ground will be ready to act in an instant to minimise the threat.

Scotland Yard, MI5, MI6, GCHQ, the SAS and SBS are all understood to have been involved in planning what will be the biggest security operation in British history.

## Threat

Around 10,000 police will be on duty every day as the crowds converge on London to join the massive queues to file past the Queen’s coffin at the Palace of Westminster.

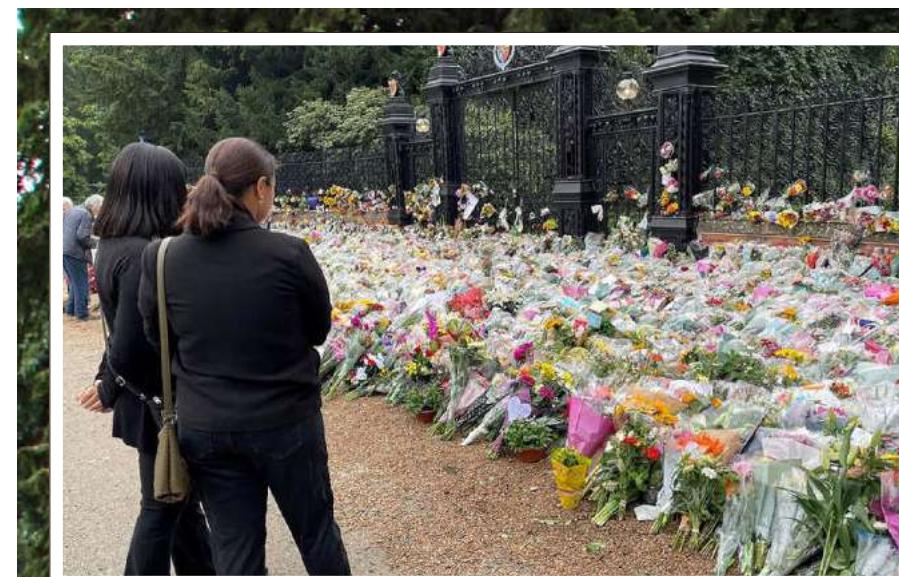
Leave has been cancelled and reinforcements from outside forces will be drafted in. It is believed SAS and SBS units will be sent to London bases ahead of the funeral – a rare move.

However similar deployments are thought to have been made for Baroness Thatcher’s funeral in 2013.

MI5, MI6 and GCHQ have key roles in the operation, monitoring intelligence for any signs of an imminent threat.

The presence of so many foreign dignitaries and VIPs will also be a massive “security headache,” say experts.

Ken Marsh, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said: “There’s a massive requirement for firearms because of the amount of dignitaries who are coming.”



# Sandringham awash with floral tributes

By Sam Russell

THOUSANDS of floral tributes to the Queen who “dedicated her whole life” to the country have been left at her Sandringham estate, with crowds flooding in to pay their respects for a fifth day yesterday.

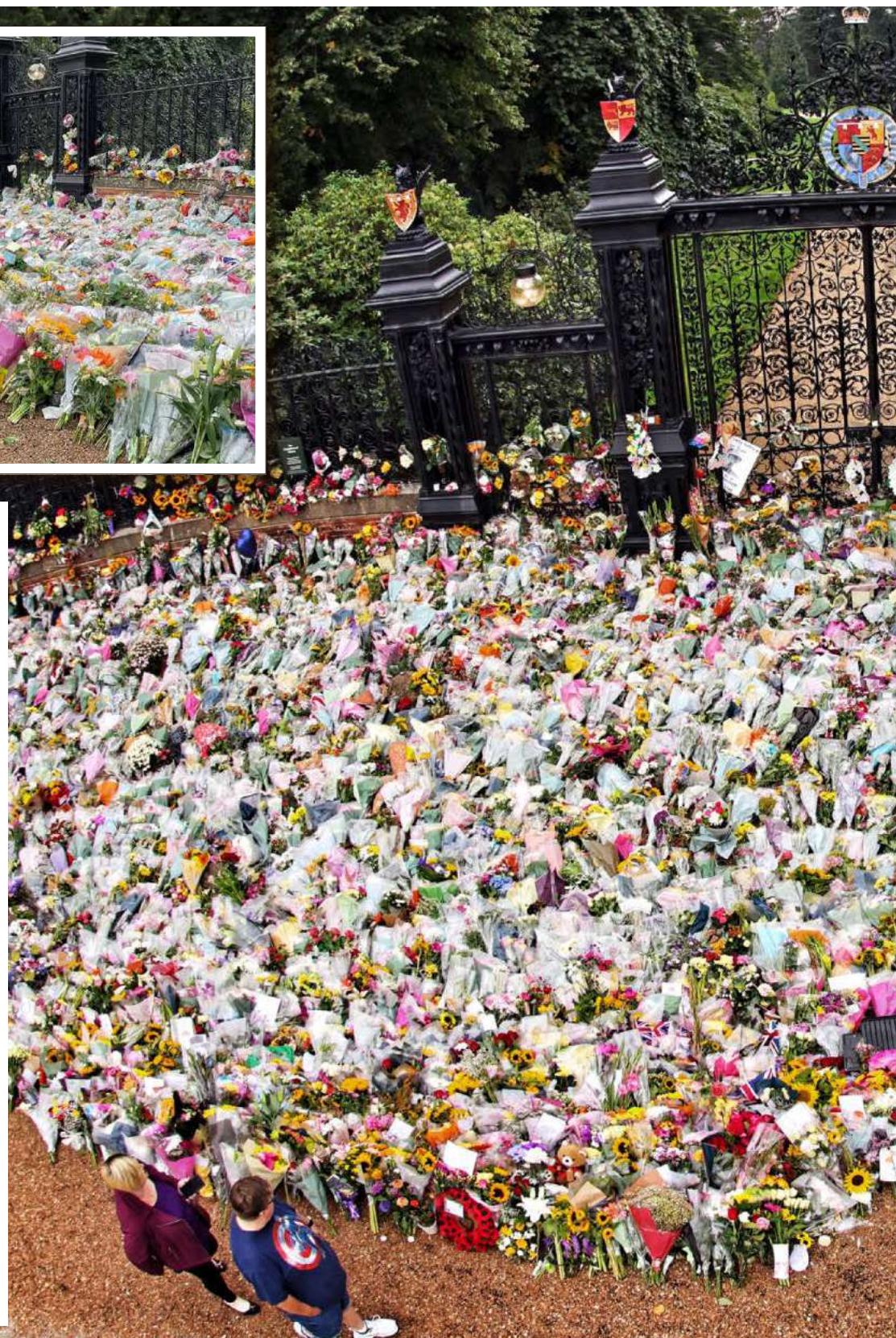
Notices outside the visitor centre at the Norfolk estate say that Sandringham has entered an official period of royal mourning.

Tributes were first placed by the Norwich Gates to Sandringham House within 30 minutes of news of the Queen’s death being announced on Thursday evening.

By yesterday morning, colourful bouquets filled the public areas, along with drawings, balloons, candles and teddy bears, with the sheer numbers forcing a road to be closed.

Police are managing a one-way system on roads approaching the car park, while estate staff in buggies are shuttling mourners who cannot manage the walk to the gates.

Carolyn Walker, 56, from Downham Market, Norfolk, said: “She deserves it, what she’s done for our country and for our people. We’re going to be lost without her. ‘No one will ever be able to replace her.’



# ‘We’re doing our duty

ROYAL fans enduring 10 days of camping in London said yesterday that it will be “nothing” compared to the late Queen’s 70 years of service and sacrifice.

John Loughrey, *inset below*, and Sky London, 62, arrived outside Buckingham Palace on Thursday night to be part of the period of national mourning.

Their friend Maria Scott, 51, arrived on Saturday and the trio are now camping on The Mall until after the Queen’s funeral on Monday. They plan to pay their respects during the four days the late monarch lies in state.

Mourners began to line up for the emotional, historic opportunity to pay tribute at Westminster Hall.

The first person in the queue was in place more than 48 hours early. Vanessa Nathakumaran, 56, from

By Michael Knowles and Emily Braeger

Harrow, north-west London, arrived at noon yesterday. The public will start to file past the Queen’s coffin from 5pm tomorrow.

She said she began admiring the Royal Family as a child growing up in Sri Lanka before moving to the UK in the 1980s.

Vanessa said her great uncle was knighted by the Queen’s father King George VI and her daughter met Her Majesty as an air cadet. She added: “I’m really proud of our family being involved in the time of the Queen’s life.”

Asked why she had started queuing so early, Vanessa said: “I really, really want to be part of it. [The Queen] has done a good service to our country.”

Campers said it was their

“duty” to show their respect to the Queen and the least they could do.

Friends John, Sky and Maria admitted seeing the Queen’s coffin will be the moment it sinks in that Britain’s longest-serving monarch has died, after more than 70 years on the throne at the age of 96.

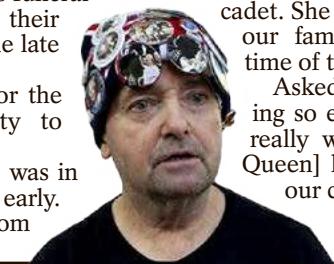
John, 67, in tears while crowds flocked past their tents, told the Daily Express: “The

whole nation misses her. There was something special about her. She was the mother of the nation. That’s why I’m camping out. We’re mourning together. I want to see people bringing flowers, sharing stories of the greatest monarch ever.

“There have been babies, children, parents, grandparents. Yesterday – Sunday – I’ve never seen anything like it. I’m going to



At your convenience...essential portable toilets were set up in Westminster yesterday



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## CROWDS DESCEND ON GREEN PARK TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS



Tributes in the park...Rory, Archie and Sebby; inset, walkies for some corgis

MOURNERS joined thousands around Green Park yesterday to pay their respects and leave cards and flowers to the late monarch.

Jenny Slatcher took her daughter Charlotte, one, to lay red roses in a dedicated area of the London park.

The 31-year-old from Guildford, Surrey, said: "It's a part of history and it'll be quite nice to tell her one day that we went up to see the tributes ourselves and to show her how loved the Queen was."

Tracey Johnson, 60, took two-year-olds Rory, Archie and Sebby to spot Paddington Bear toys among the piles of flowers.

The childminder, from Streatham, south London, said: "She was a lovely lady and she's always been in my life. I just think it's really important to share this moment with our boys."

Another mourner paid a canine tribute to the late monarch by



By **Emily Braeger**

bringing her corgis to the park in a nod to the Queen's favourite dog breed.

People are thought to have travelled from all over the world to thank the Queen for her 70 years of service, with letters and cards signed off from Bangladesh, Romania and Australia.

One lady, Stephanie, touchingly left a bunch of flowers for the Queen that was last week on her own mother's coffin.

In a letter attached to the bouquet, she wrote: "Mum would have been thrilled and honoured to think we brought them to pay our respects to our dear Queen."

People were urged to take off plastic packaging before laying bouquets so the job later on of turning them into compost is made much easier. Non-floral tributes are prohibited.

# camping out for 10 days'

approach the coffin and say the Lord's Prayer, say God bless you, Your Majesty. I might shed a tear. That's when it will hit home. I'm crying already."

John, from Streatham, south London, added: "We're going to stay here for the funeral. We've got to cope. We're doing our duty for her."

### Waiting

Maria, from Newcastle, who has camped outside the Palace for every Royal event since William's wedding to Kate, said: "The Queen meant so much to me."

"She's always put the country first, duty before everything. The only time she hadn't is when Diana died and she put her grandchildren first. She was protecting William and Harry. At Christmas, she's always been there.

When the country has been through difficult times, she's been there. I still can't believe she's gone. It will sink in on the day of the funeral. I will be very upset."

Sky said he missed seeing the King on Friday after his knees gave way during the hours of waiting. But he has vowed to continue camping until next Monday.

He said: "She did so much for the country - 10 days compared to 70 years is nothing."

"We will never forget the Queen. Who could? She's been a loyal mother and grandmother as well as being the Queen. As the French say, she was the Queen of Hearts."

"This is the first time I've camped. It's rough. You hear all the crunching of feet, but we got through the night. It's our duty. The Royal Family has supported each other. They are showing us how to be. Working as a team, show your love, support each other."



Queue starts here...a line of campers forms for the Queen's lying in state and funeral. Above, Maria Scott

## Australia's bank hols to mourn causes row

By **Alana Calvert**

AUSTRALIA'S Prime Minister faced a backlash after announcing a bank holiday next week.

Anthony Albanese said the country will observe a national day of mourning on Thursday 22nd.

The news drew criticism from doctors, who said it would disrupt care, and business chiefs.

Steve Robson, President of the Australia Medical Association, said: "Operations and lots of patient consultations booked that day, at a time when access is difficult.

"Thanks for dropping this at short notice."

Head and neck surgeon Eric Levi also expressed frustration. "We have 60-plus patients booked in our cancer clinic in the morning. I have eight patients booked for theatre. Every patient has waited weeks to months for their medical care.

"Imagine if your chemotherapy was meant to be delivered that day."

The nation's business groups joined the row though supported the idea.

### Complications

Paul Zahra, chief executive of the Australian Retailers Association, said: "This event will create some complications for businesses with store closures and staff scheduling challenges, with many rosters set up in advance.

"There will also be a small but unexpected loss of trade, and additional staffing costs, which may impact cashflows for small businesses."

Analyst Stephen Koukoulas said that his "quick calculations", showed the bank holiday would cost the Australian economy £882million.

On Sunday, Charles III was officially proclaimed Australia's head of state.

The federal parliament has also been suspended until a week on Friday.

Meanwhile, New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern also announced a bank holiday to mark the Queen's death – Monday, September 26.

But she said the country will not pursue becoming a republic following the Queen's death.

Ms Ardern will travel to the funeral.

# King in no rush to

By **Robert Kellaway**

THE King and Queen Consort will continue to use Clarence House as a much-loved London residence for "the time being" and are in no rush to move into Buckingham Palace, royal sources said yesterday.

Charles III has already held a series of audiences with the Prime Minister, Cabinet ministers and High Commissioners at the Palace.

It is considered to be the headquarters of the monarchy but it has also been the home of the sovereign since 1837 when Queen Victoria moved in.

The building, which dates to 1703, is a famously uncomfortable place with poorly heated rooms, ancient wiring and inconvenient plumbing. Even after the £369million 10-year refit now under way its 775 rooms – including 19 state apartments, 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 188 staff bedrooms, 92 offices and 78 bathrooms – are unlikely to be homely.

In contrast, Clarence House, built between 1825 and 1827 to the designs of John Nash, is much loved by the couple and extensively refurbished and redecorated to their requirements.

The King moved into the former home of the Queen Mother close to the Palace on The Mall in 2003.

He has redecorated throughout, selecting the colour schemes and fabrics still in use today.

He has personally chosen pieces from the Royal Collection and his own art selection which are displayed throughout alongside family photos and personal mementoes.

It is understood Charles would prefer to use Buckingham Palace for official business such as state banquets, investitures, garden parties and administration. He is also interested in opening the Palace more widely to the public.

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh suggested a similar

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arrangement in 1952 but were told Buckingham Palace was the home of the sovereign and they were required to move in.

Penny Junor, the royal biographer, said of the idea: "Buckingham Palace would be the office, the hub of entertainment. Not even the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh liked the Palace. It's not a home."

Royal watchers are keen to know whether the King or his courtiers

will have the final say on the issue. The decision is just one of many facing Charles about the royal residences and the cost of upkeep.

In Scotland, he faces the dilemma of Birkhall on the Balmoral estate which he and Camilla have turned into a comfortable home.

He is expected to hand it over to Prince William in favour of moving into Balmoral. Sandringham is the other private estate beloved of the

late Queen but Charles has his own much-loved country retreat at Highgrove in Wiltshire.

It is thought the Queen Consort is not nearly as fond of Highgrove as Charles. The King also has a further official home – Llwynywermod in Llandovery, Myddfai.

It is not yet known whether he will pass this to William, the Prince of Wales. He and Princess of Wales Kate have just moved into Adelaide

# Just like his mother,

By **Naomi Clarke**

– she and Sir Rod, 77, have had "many wonderful times" with the monarch as ambassadors of his charity The Prince's Trust.

She said: "He definitely reflects a lot of the Queen's greatest qualities, the warmth, the humility – you know that sparkle and being able to reach out to so many people."

Penny said of his 60th bash at Buckingham Palace: "He asked if I would be the first on the dancefloor, because you can imagine people being nervous and not knowing the



Royal rapport...Charles enjoys a joke with Sir Rod and Penny in 2011

PENNY Lancaster has recalled having a "dad dance" with Charles on his 60th birthday – and says he shares his mother's knack of putting people at ease.

The TV presenter also revealed she would be at the Queen's funeral on Monday in her other job as a City of London Police special constable.

Sir Rod Stewart's wife told ITV's Good Morning Britain yesterday that it would be a "historic moment" and she was "very proud to be able to serve". Penny said since her birthday dance with Charles in 2008 – to her husband's hit Da Ya Think I'm Sexy?

# move into the Palace

Pictures: PA, GETTY



BALMORAL

**Homing in on change...the King and Queen Consort will use the Palace for official duties and events. Left, with pets Beth and Bluebell. Right, equestrian fan Camilla and the pair at Ascot**

Cottage in Windsor's Home Park, to offer their children more freedom away from London.

Charles is not particularly keen on Windsor as a residence either – and it has been reported William and Kate will move to the Castle, or another larger property in Windsor in the future.

A source said: "Right now the focus is the mourning of Her Majesty." The Queen used Windsor

Castle both as a private home, where she spent most of her later years, and as an official royal residence for certain formal duties.

While Charles oversees the royal residences, it is expected Camilla will take charge of the Queen's stable of racehorses.

She is expected to become the figurehead for horseracing as she has a natural love of horses and passion for racing. A source said

John Warren, the late Queen's racing manager, was likely to see the Queen Consort as the person to approach regarding Her Majesty's equestrian legacy.

John said last year that Camilla was "absolutely besotted by racing" while Charles only had an arm's-length interest.

Four of the Queen's horses are scheduled to run tomorrow, with Frankie Dettori due to ride Reach

for the Moon at Sandown. Charles has his own colours but it is thought the sovereign's horses will continue to run in the colours of the Queen – and of her father before her – a purple body with gold braid, scarlet sleeves and a black velvet cap with gold trim.

Camilla also has to decide how she will fulfil the role of Queen Consort. Buckingham Palace described her role as providing

"companionship and moral and practical support" to the sovereign.

She will not see state papers or hold official audiences.

Meanwhile, the couple's two Jack Russell terriers, Beth and Bluebell, are set to join the Queen's two corgis – Muick and Sandy – dorgi Candy and cocker spaniel Lissy at their new homes, reportedly shared between Prince Andrew and his eldest daughter Beatrice.

## Charles makes anyone at ease'

protocol – who should get up first. So he asked in the drinks reception if I would do the first dance so it would get everybody up.

"And while Rod was performing, I was on the dancefloor with Prince Charles, Prince Andrew, William and Harry. It was an incredible time."

Penny, 51, admitted Charles had a "bit of a dad dance", but said he was "charming". She added: "I just know that he will follow in his mother's footsteps and be an incredible King with, of course, support of his wonderful wife Camilla."

Penny said she and her husband

had met both the Queen and Charles at a number of occasions and charity events over the years.

She said: "Rod and I are both vice-presidents of the RNIB [Royal National Institute of Blind People] that her late Majesty was a patron of. Rod performed for a couple of those charitable events at St James's Palace.

"And like everyone has said, you can almost feel her presence before she's entered the room.

"That omnipresence I've always felt that she had, the way she could be everywhere all of the time for everyone, whether you got the chance

to meet her or just felt her presence." Penny said she would always feel "extremely nervous" when meeting the Queen, but her "warm smile" and "the twinkle in her eye" helped her connect with everyone she met.

She also remembered sitting beside Charles for dinner and dropping food from a platter between her plate and his.

She joked she thought she was "going to be dragged by my hair out and never to be seen again". But, like his mother, Charles had an ability to "completely put people at ease" and told her not to worry about it.

### SHARE YOUR SPECIAL MEMORIES

WE are asking our readers to tell us their memories of any meetings, conversations or letters they had with or from Her Majesty.

After seven decades of her reign, we would love to share your experiences, whether on her visits across Britain, at garden parties or even surprise meetings near Balmoral or elsewhere.

She was the first UK monarch to celebrate her Platinum Jubilee, which the public joyfully marked with bunting, street parties and themed competitions in June.

The Queen lived a life of devoted public service and we are inviting you to tell us how she affected your lives and what she has meant to you. She had links to more than 600 charities, military associations, professional bodies and public service organisations and we would like to hear from anyone involved in this side of her life as well.

Please post your Queen memories to the Daily Express, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AP or email your memories to news.desk@express.co.uk

# HICKEY



ADDRESSING Parliament yesterday, His Majesty made a point of publicly quoting Shakespeare for the second time since becoming King.

His passionate enthusiasm for the Bard dates back to school days at Gordonstoun when the future monarch was widely praised for his portrayal of Macbeth.

Considered a frustrated thespian, he also accepted a request to advise a young Kenneth Branagh, *pictured*, on kingly matters after the latter was cast as Henry V in the Royal Shakespeare Company's 1984 production at Stratford.



WHILE Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle warmly welcomed His Majesty to Parliament, a predecessor's encounter with the last King Charles proved ill-fated.

Having remained Speaker during Oliver Cromwell's time in power after the execution of Charles I, William Lenthall was at pains to ingratiate himself with son Charles II when the latter returned from exile in 1660. Lenthall's enemies were delighted when he misjudged his elaborate bow in the monarch's presence and fell on his backside.

SWEPT up in the historic significance of the new King's arrival in Parliament, high-profile Labour MP and former vicar Chris Bryant enthused: "The miracle of Westminster Hall is not just its survival since the 11th century, but the magnificent Richard III oak hammer beam ceiling supported on 26 angels."

Eventually realising he'd mistakenly namechecked the infamous last Plantagenet King and alleged murderer of nephews, Bryant anxiously clarified: "I meant Richard II!"

TV GLOBETROTTER and Monty Python star Sir Michael Palin, *pictured*, highlights the late Queen's comedic skills while recounting his and wife Helen's visit to Windsor Castle.

"Her Majesty, very relaxed, indicated the impressive carpet we were standing on and how it had replaced another, damaged when a strand got caught in a vacuum cleaner, and with the maid totally oblivious, the carpet slowly unwound behind her," Palin remembers.

"Far from being angry at the loss of a good carpet, the Queen told the story with fully mimed actions and much laughter. Lovely to have a monarch who liked slapstick."



THE SIGHT of countless Paddington Bears being left around the country in honour of the character's recent co-star the Queen, will bring back fond memories for presenter Jeremy Clarkson.

His late mother Shirley was responsible for making the official Paddington Bear toys while Jeremy was growing up in Yorkshire – following a royalties deal with creator Michael Bond.

The broadcaster enjoys recalling being "proficient with a needle" by the age of 12 when required to "sew up the backs and put in the eyes and stuffing".

By Rachel Trethewey  
Author of *The Churchill Girls*

THEY are two of the most famous British families of the 20th century: the House of Windsor and the House of Churchill. And they have been inextricably linked for an incredible three centuries. Earlier this week, Sir Nicholas Soames told the BBC his grandfather Winston Churchill had not only revered, but adored, the Queen.

The Second World War leader, who had returned to power in 1951 aged 76, was there to greet Her Majesty when she landed at Heathrow Airport having returned from a royal tour of Kenya with Prince Philip where she had learnt of her father's death.

In the first years of her reign, the ageing statesman became someone the youthful Queen could trust, taking a paternal interest and advising her in their regular audiences.

During these meetings, there is no doubt they grew genuinely fond of one another.

Winston was one of the few people the young monarch could relax with; although courtiers could not hear what was being said, they recalled peals of laughter coming from the room.

The attractive young woman brought out the mature politician's chivalrous side.

He once told his doctor: "All the film people in all the world, if they had scoured the globe, could not have found anyone so suited to the part [of monarch]."

Showing how highly she valued her first premier, when he was leaving Downing Street for the last time in 1955, the Queen and Prince Philip came to dinner at No 10 – an unprecedented mark of her esteem for the ageing statesman.

Similarly, when Winston died 10 years later aged 90, Her Majesty attended his state funeral at St Paul's Cathedral. It was a rare honour because the Sovereign by tradition did not attend non-family funerals.

Breaking the precedent for her old friend and mentor, as Winston's family arrived at St Paul's, she was already in her pew, waiting quietly to pay her final respects to Britain's best-loved statesman. But the bond between the Royal Family and the Churchills did not begin or end with Winston's death.

Three centuries earlier, the family's rise to a dynasty began when courtier Sarah Churchill became the favourite of Queen Anne and subsequently one of the most influential women of the age. Sarah and her military hero husband John – his string of victories beginning with Blenheim in 1704 – were created Duke and Duchess of Marlborough in 1702.

Two centuries later, Winston's beautiful American mother Jennie became a mistress of King Edward VII. While he was still Prince of Wales, it was rumoured she had a lift installed in her London house to take her plump lover from the ground floor up to her boudoir.

AS THE baton passed to the next generation, Winston became a trusted ally of Edward VIII and one of his loudest cheerleaders in Parliament and a staunch supporter, especially during the Abdication crisis.

Winston lunched with the King on the day of the Abdication when Edward finally gave up the throne to marry Wallis Simpson, and inserted at least two phrases into the departing King's final broadcast. However, while their closeness might have poisoned his relations with the King's successor, George VI, the pair would forge a firm friendship.

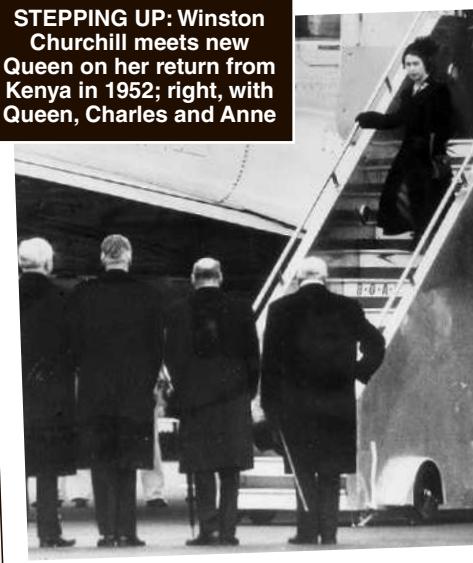
During the Second World War, Winston's allegiances changed, as he swung behind George and his wife Queen Elizabeth, the future Queen Mother.

The triumvirate formed an enduring bond as they rallied Britons from the balcony at Buckingham Palace through tragedies to

# ENTWINED HISTORY OF TWO ICONIC BRITISH DYNASTIES

No family has been as enduringly or warmly linked to the Royals as the Churchill clan... and the loyal relationship forged over three centuries looks set to continue with the accession of King Charles III

STEPPING UP: Winston Churchill meets new Queen on her return from Kenya in 1952; right, with Queen, Charles and Anne



ultimate triumph. And following the King's death in 1952 aged just 56, Winston began a close relationship with Elizabeth.

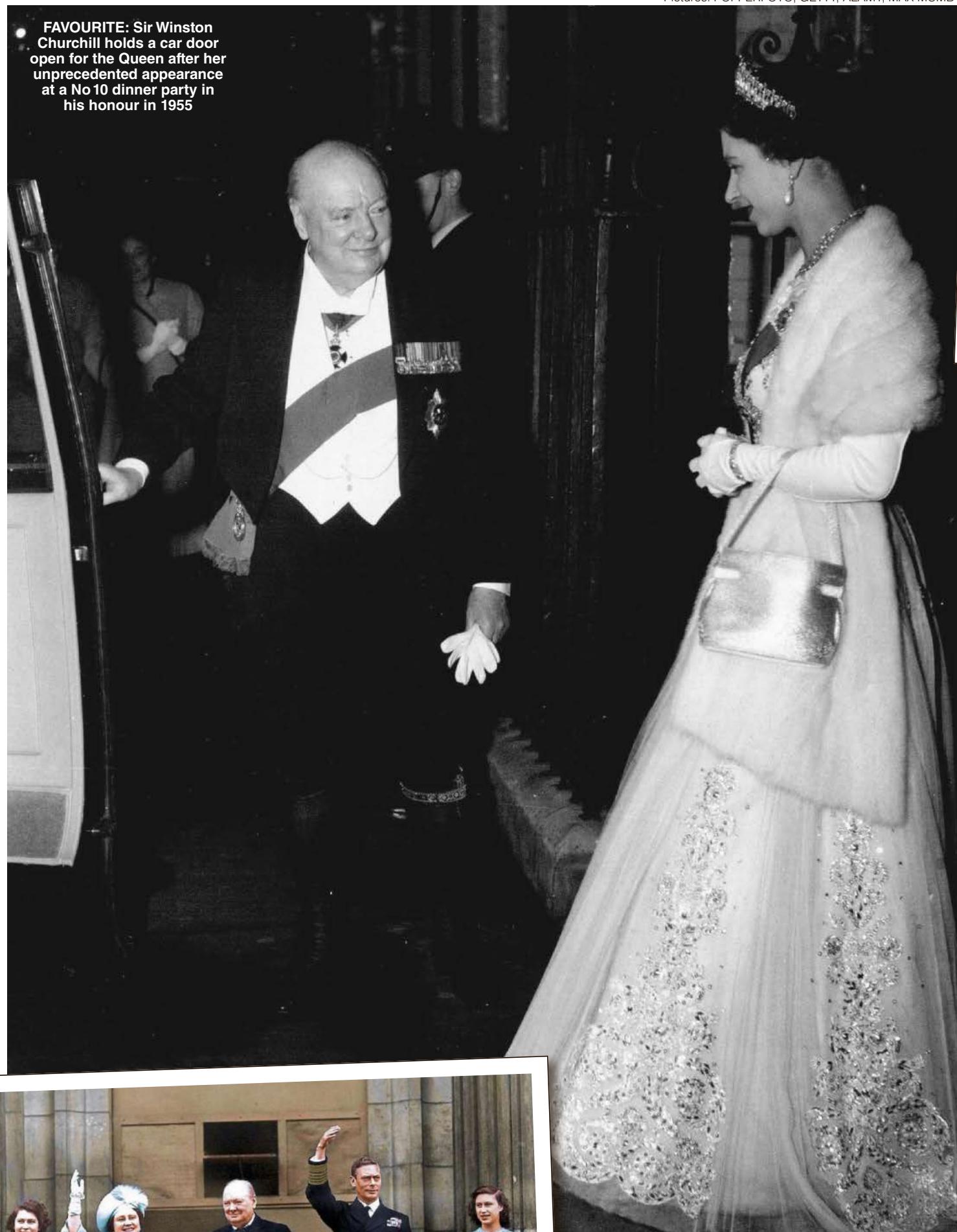
Perhaps one of the reasons the wartime leader was so fond of the Queen was that she was just a few years younger than his youngest daughter, Mary. She also showed a similar sunny, equable temperament.

Born in 1922, Mary had a regal air and was a source of stability within her family. Like the Queen, she had wanted to do her duty in the Second World War.

While the Queen was driving trucks, Mary had a stellar career as an Auxiliary Territorial Service gunner girl. They married in the same year and both had long loving

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FAVOURITE: Sir Winston Churchill holds a car door open for the Queen after her unprecedented appearance at a No 10 dinner party in his honour in 1955



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VICTORIOUS: Balcony at Buckingham Palace on VE Day, May 8, 1945, from left, Princess Elizabeth, Queen Elizabeth, Churchill, King George VI and Princess Margaret



marriages. Mary wed Christopher Soames at St Margaret's, Westminster in February, 1947, while the Queen married Prince Philip at Westminster Abbey in November.

The following year they became mothers, as Princess Elizabeth's first son, Prince Charles and Mary's eldest child, Nicholas were born in 1948. It was hardly surprising

that as they grew older not just Mary and Elizabeth, but Charles and Nicholas developed a strong friendship that endures.

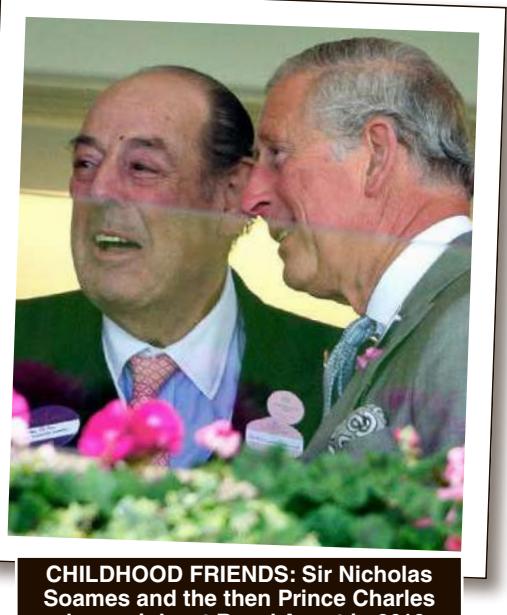
The relationship between the Queen and Churchill's daughter grew closer when Christopher Soames was made Britain's ambassador in Paris in 1968. Before taking up the posting, the Soameses were invited to

stay at Sandringham and Balmoral. Surrounded by members of the Royal Family and corgis, Mary found the atmosphere surprisingly relaxed. At Balmoral she played the card game "Racing Demon" with Charles and visited Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, at her neighbouring estate, Birkhall.

The Queen Mother was particularly fond of her. After spending the afternoon together, they both nearly cried when the Queen Mother played "Auld Lang Syne" on the gramophone before they said goodbye.

During their time as Britain's diplomatic first couple in Paris, the Soames reciprocated by hosting the Queen when she made a state visit to France in May 1972.

The ambassador and his wife were determined to put on a spectacular show for their monarch. Not to be outdone by the splendour of French President Georges Pompidou's dinner for the Queen at the



CHILDHOOD FRIENDS: Sir Nicholas Soames and the then Prince Charles share a joke at Royal Ascot in 2016

Palace of Versailles, Mary and Christopher staged one of the grandest occasions in the British Embassy's history.

The white-tie ball for 1,200 guests mixed the great and the good, the old and the young, with Prince Charles acting as host to the *jeunesse dorée*.

There was absolute silence as the Queen, in full evening dress, entered the ball.

Everyone wanted to be introduced to her, but Christopher Soames skilfully steered her down the long line of guests. After the formalities were over, music played by the band filled the huge marquee and shortly after midnight, the Queen suggested to President Pompidou that they might lead the dancing. Perhaps the one disappointment of the memorable evening was when he blushingly declined.

The friendship between the two families was not just during good times.

In times of loss they supported each other.

**W**HEN Mary's beloved husband died in 1987, Prince Charles attended his funeral. The heir to the throne's kindness at this time meant a great deal to her.

Mary had first met Prince Charles when he was a schoolboy and, as he became a close friend of her son Nicholas, she felt she had got to know him as a "real person".

Marking the deep respect the Queen had for her fellow matriarch, in 2005, Her Majesty made Mary Soames a Lady Companion of the Order of the Garter.

It was the culmination of Mary's distinguished public life, and by bestowing the oldest order of chivalry in the country on her contemporary, Her Majesty revealed how much she valued her.

Looking regal in a midnight blue velvet mantle displaying the heraldic shield of St George's Cross encircled by the Garter, Mary walked in the prestigious procession from Windsor Castle to St George's Chapel for the service of thanksgiving.

She was becoming a member of an elite group that included former prime ministers, dukes and generals. Winston had been a Knight of the Garter and so, when Mary was appointed, the Churchills became the first non-royal father and daughter ever to have held the honour.

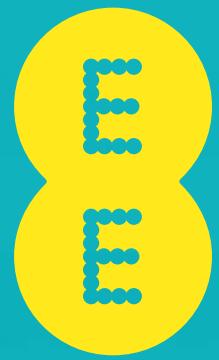
With so much shared history, it is highly fitting Sir Nicholas Soames should be taking to the airwaves at this sad time to champion his old friend as our new King.

It is what both his mother and grandfather would have done and, by doing so, he is continuing a long family tradition of loyalty to the Crown.

As Sir Nicholas poignantly recalled his moments with the Queen, perhaps it also made him think of his own outstanding mother, who also died after a long and fulfilled life at the age of 91 in 2014.

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Dad-to-be...Chris Kaba

## Gun cop is suspended over killing

By **Liz Perkins**

THE firearms officer who fatally shot a man has been suspended from duty, said the Metropolitan Police.

Chris Kaba, 24, who had been due to become a father, was killed while unarmed on September 5 following a police pursuit of a car which ended in Streatham Hill, south London.

The Audi was hemmed in by two police vehicles and one round was fired.

The Met's Assistant Commissioner Amanda Pearson, said: "This decision follows careful consideration of public confidence and the Independent Office for Police Conduct announcing a homicide investigation."



Tragic...Ianto Jenkins

## 'Nightmare of my son's farm death'

By **News Reporter**

A FARMER accidentally killed his three-year-old son as the lad played on a bike, an inquest heard.

Ianto Jenkins was crushed under the trailer of the pick-up truck driven by dad Guto, 32.

The boy suffered severe head injuries and a broken neck in August last year on the farm in Efailwen, Pembrokeshire in south-west Wales.

Mr Jenkins checked the mirrors, adding: "I pulled away and drove up the road. I didn't see, hear or feel anything. I received a call saying, 'Ianto is dead'.

"It is a nightmare. The guilt will not go away." Ianto's sister Seren found him. The Llanelli hearing continues.



Aisle do...James ties knot with his sweetheart Helen in All Creatures Great And Small

# All Creatures have a Wight wedding

By **Nicola Methven**

VET James Herriot seals his love for new wife Helen with a kiss – watched by the children of the man who wrote All Creatures Great And Small.

The TV characters, played by Nicholas Ralph and Rachel Shenton, tie the knot as the third series of the Channel 5 show begins on Thursday.

And Rachel, 34, revealed the wedding scene was witnessed by the family of vet and author Alf Wight, who wrote the Yorkshire-based autobiographical stories under pen-name James Herriot.

She said: "Alf's children, Rosie and Jim, were there."

### Special

"It must have been surreal for them, as we are playing their parents. They're basically watching their parents get married."

"They are ever so supportive and complimentary of our versions of their parents. That was very special."

Helen nearly wed someone else in the first series, but James finally found the courage to tell her how he felt and propose.

Set on the eve of the Second World War, the third All Creatures series follows Helen and James as they move into a bedsit in the attic of Skeldale House.

● *All Creatures Great And Small* is on Channel 5 at 9pm on Thursday.

# EU set to climb down over Northern Ireland

By **Dan Falvey**

CUSTOM checks on goods crossing the Irish Sea could finally be slashed after Brussels indicated it is ready to resolve the row over Brexit.

In an apparent climbdown, EU Commission Vice President Maros Sefcovic suggested daily inspections between the mainland and Northern Ireland could be cut to a few lorries.

### Dispute

He made the offer to end the dispute between the UK and the bloc now that Liz Truss is Prime Minister.

Mr Sefcovic said under his proposals the trade border, effectively imposed down the Irish Sea because of the Northern Ireland Protocol, would be "invisible".

Physical checks would only be made when there was reasonable

suspicion of smuggling, illegal drugs, dangerous toys or poisoned food.

Mr Sefcovic said: "If the data are downloaded into the system, when the goods are put on the ferry from Britain...I believe that we can remotely process them while sailing to Northern Ireland."

"It could be resolved very, very quickly if we get the input from our UK counterparts."

Under the Northern Ireland Protocol, agreed as part of the Brexit withdrawal agreement in 2019, customs checks are carried out on shipments crossing the Irish Sea to protect the EU's single market and stop

goods from being transported to the continent via the Republic of Ireland.

Unionists say it effectively keeps Northern Ireland in the EU and undermines the UK's internal market.

But the EU's proposal falls short of the UK's demand to remove the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice as the arbitrator in disputes.

Senior Tories said the proposals were "a welcome step forward" but the role of the court must be eradicated.

Former Brexit Secretary David Davis said it was "a very, very good sign", adding: "Getting rid of the checks is the biggest single thing in

terms of its impact on the ordinary citizen in Northern Ireland and also the biggest impact on the economy."

But others said a deal should not be done until the European Court of Justice was removed.

Former Cabinet minister David Jones said: "It's superficially a sign of goodwill. That [the European Court of Justice] has to go."

Sir John Redwood added: "There has to be independent arbitration. We can't have disputes decided by the courts of the EU."

Last week Ms Truss said her "preference is for a negotiated solution" but Britain would pass legislation to suspend customs checks if an agreement could not be reached.

Mr Sefcovic said he was "encouraged" by her statement of a desire for a negotiated outcome.



Compromise... Maros Sefcovic

# FREEDOM FOR UKRAINE

**Devastation...a woman at Kramatorsk in the Donetsk region. Right, a line of Ukrainian tanks. Below, victims of the battles in Kharkiv**



Pictures: JUAN BARRETO/AFP, GETTY

# 'Do you still think you can scare us'

**Zelensky mocks Putin after gains**

A SERIES of major territory regains by Ukrainian forces prompted Volodymyr Zelensky to taunt Russia: "Do you still think that you can scare us?"

His troops have taken back an area twice the size of Greater London within days, says British intelligence.

And Ukraine's President vowed his fighters will continue to drive out Moscow's invaders after some 200 days at war.

Russian leaders in Kharkiv Oblast in the north-east of the country admitted their troops were outnumbered by eight to one in the counter-attack that led to the liberation of scores of towns, cities and villages.

Ukraine has recouped more territory in five days than Putin seized between April and September.

The Kremlin responded by order-

**By Michael Knowles**  
Defence Editor

ing missile strikes on power stations and other critical infrastructure to plunge the population into darkness. But it only lasted a few hours.

President Zelensky on Sunday defiantly responded: "Do you still think that we are 'one people'? Do you still think that you can scare us, break us, make us make concessions? You really did not understand anything?"

"Read my lips: without gas or without you? Without you. Without light or without you? Without you."

"Without water or without you? Without you. Without food or without you? Without you."

"Cold, hunger, darkness and thirst – for us are not as scary and deadly as

your 'friendship and brotherhood'. But history will put everything in its place. We will exist with gas, lights, water and food – and without you."

Vitaly Ganchev, a Russia-appointed administrative head of the Kharkiv region, confirmed on Moscow TV that Ukraine's army had made the gains and reached the Russian border.

The Ministry of Defence in Kyiv said Russia is prioritising "defensive actions" in the Donbas region in the east – and revealed the lightning assault on its forces could break already-low morale.

Natalia Humeniuk, spokeswoman for Ukraine's southern command of the Armed Forces, claimed some Russian soldiers in the southern Kherson Oblast are trying to negotiate to lay down their arms. President

Zelensky has said the winter could see further territorial gains if Kyiv got more weapons from the West.

Lord Dannatt, former head of the British Army, said the Russians have "pretty much turned and fled" from Kharkiv, adding: "We are witnessing some incredible scenes."

The Institute for the Study of War, a US-based think tank, declared the Battle of Kharkiv a major operational success for Ukraine's armed forces.

President Zelensky went on to tell his troops: "The enemy is panicking. Ukraine is proud of you, believes in you, prays for you, and waits for you."

More than 20 local politicians in Moscow and St Petersburg signed a petition "demanding Vladimir Putin's resignation as president" in a rare show of criticism of the tyrant.



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## Laid bare: The bloody legacy of occupation

By Frances Millar

PEOPLE in liberated villages and towns have told harrowing stories of atrocities during Vladimir Putin's occupation of the Kharkiv region – including victims' bodies being left out to rot.

Witnesses to the brutality said the corpses either remained where they lay or were buried in shallow graves, as the area was sealed off from Ukrainian authorities.

Maria Hryhohora, 63, from the village of Zaliznychne, found two men who had been shot dead in a house during the first days of Russia's invasion in February.

Police could not reach her at the time, but she was advised to bury the bodies of neighbour Ilham Mehteev and his friend, Konstantyn Pohorelov, in the garden. The shootings are to be investigated as a suspected war crime.

### Darkness

Maria said: "It was scary, very, very scary. The image of the puddle of blood is still in front of my eyes. A huge puddle of blood."

Meanwhile, she and others in the tiny village, 37 miles east of Kharkiv, have been living without power for months.

Maria said: "It's difficult to live in darkness. I don't want to get used to it."

The retreat of the Russians has now enabled Ukrainian police to probe a large number of suspected war crimes committed by Moscow's troops.

Kharkiv regional police chief, Serhii Bolvinov, said: "According to our information, in almost every village we have war crimes."

"We are checking the places where they have been reported and will investigate all of them."

Picture: BBC

Turning back time...Judi took old pocket watch to Jay and Steve



## Judi 'fixed' by TV Steve

By Nicola Methven

DAME Judi Dench can see tiny details again after BBC's Repair Shop horologist Steve Fletcher gave her two pairs of his magnifying specs.

He had fixed a pocket watch she gave her late husband Michael Williams and added an engraving of the late actor's initials.

But Dame Judi, 87, who has macular degeneration, could not read it – until Steve proffered his 5x glasses.

In the YouTube episode, she says: "You're so very kind." Steve and host Jay Blades threw in a second pair.

# Euros boost helped lift UK economy to growth

By Sam Lister  
Political Editor

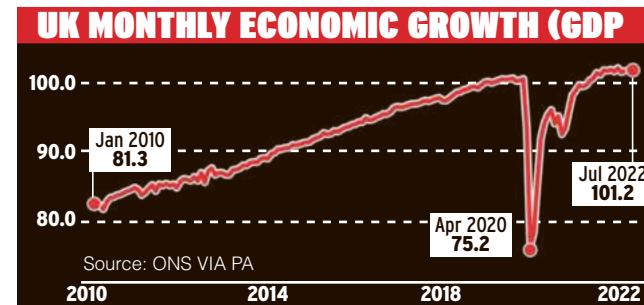
THE economy returned to growth in July after the Women's Euro Championship helped push up national income.

But economists said the threat of recession is touch and go.

Gross domestic product (GDP) rose by 0.2 per cent between June and July following a drop of 0.6 per cent the previous month, when output was hit by the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday.

Services were the main driver of growth with car sales and repairs the biggest contributor, followed by sports activities and recreation.

The Office for National Statistics said that included the UK hosting the Women's Euro Championship and the start of the Commonwealth Games. GDP was flat in



the three months to July compared with the previous quarter.

Samuel Tombs, chief UK economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said the threat of a recession – as defined by two quarters in a row of falling output – is "hanging in the balance" after the economy contracted by 0.1 per cent between April and June.

But he said it has not yet gone into reverse and "we continue to think a recess-

sion will be narrowly avoided". Martin Beck, chief economic adviser to the EY ITEM Club, said the economy "appears to have little momentum".

He added: "The announcement of an energy price guarantee should greatly reduce the risk of a deep recession, but the next year or so will still be very challenging." Paul Dales, chief UK economist at Capital Economics, said:

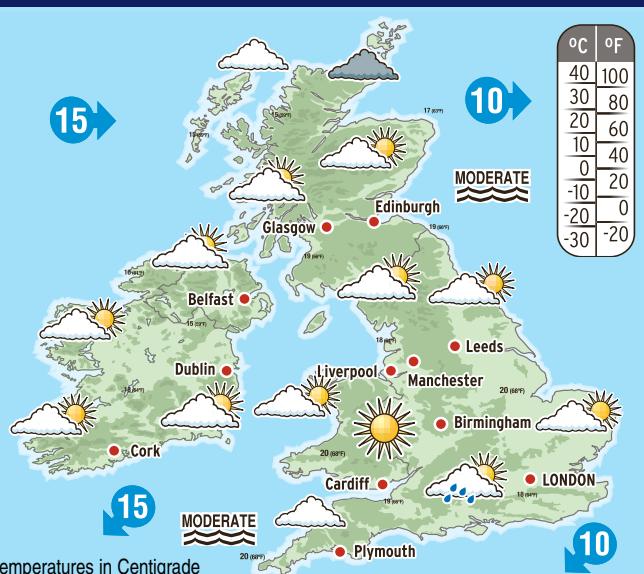
"The disappointingly small rebound in real GDP in July suggests the economy has little momentum and is probably already in recession."

"The Government's utility price freeze is unlikely to change that."

David Bharier, of the British Chambers of Commerce, added: "Our research shows business confidence is trending downwards. Inflation is wiping out turnover and profitability for many firms."

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## WEATHER FORECAST



## Today's summary: Mainly dry with sunny spells

**North West:** A bright and dry day with some good spells of sunshine. Gentle northerly winds. High 19C (66F).

**Northern Ireland:** Dry and fine with sunny spells and variable cloud. Gentle north-westerly winds. High 18C (64F).

**Wales:** Bright and dry with lengthy periods of autumnal sunshine. Light north-easterly winds. High 20C (68F).

**Midlands:** Bright and dry with some lengthy periods of autumnal sunshine. Light winds. High 20C (68F).

**North East/Yorks:** Dry with good spells of autumnal sunshine and only a little cloud cover. Light winds. High 20C (68F).

**Scotland:** Dry with sunny spells but more cloud in the north-west. Moderate north-westerly winds. High 20C (68F).

**UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW:** Early rain will clear southern areas to leave it mostly dry with sunny spells although variable cloud will build. Showers for northern Scotland.

## SIX-DAY FORECAST Temperatures in Centigrade

	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
	min max					
London	12 22	9 20	7 18	8 18	9 18	9 20
Belfast	10 16	8 15	9 15	10 15	10 16	12 17
Birmingham	11 19	8 16	6 16	8 16	8 16	8 18
Cardiff	11 22	9 18	6 17	8 18	10 18	10 18
Glasgow	8 17	6 16	8 15	9 15	10 16	11 17
Manchester	10 18	8 16	7 15	8 15	8 16	9 18
Newcastle	8 17	5 15	6 13	7 14	8 14	9 16
Norwich	12 21	10 18	10 15	11 15	10 15	11 17
Plymouth	11 21	11 19	10 18	10 18	12 19	13 18

Britain yesterday		Moon, sun and tides	
24 hours to 5pm	SUN (hrs)	RAIN (hrs)	TEMP (min) (max)
Aberdeen	7.1	0.39	14 19
Aberporth	0.9	0.28	16 21
Ainwick	3.4	0.04	15 20
Belfast	4.6	0.04	14 17
Birmingham	4.1	0.19	15 22
B'mouth	4.3	0.00	12 24
Bristol	4.5	0.06	17 24
Cardiff	1.0	0.00	16 22
Durham	4.0	0.06	16 21
Edinburgh	6.2	0.16	15 17
St Andrews	7.9	0.28	14 18
Warmest: Mildenhead 27C (81F)			
Coldest: Stornoway 9C (48F)			
Wettest: Portmadog 1.31in.			
Sunniest: Jersey 10.0hr.			
Lighting-up times		Glasgow 7.40pm-6.46am	
Belfast	7.45pm	6.54am	London 7.20pm-6.33am
Birmingham	7.27pm	6.39am	Manchester 7.29pm-6.40am
Bristol	7.29pm	6.43am	Newcastle 7.28pm-6.36am

Today		Europe forecast		Tomorrow	
Amsterdam	Fair	21C/70F	Amsterdam	Fair	20C/68F
Brussels	Rain	22C/72F	Brussels	Rain	16C/61F
Dublin	Fair	18C/64F	Dublin	Cloudy	17C/63F
Frankfurt	Rain	21C/70F	Frankfurt	Thunder	22C/72F
Geneva	Fair	29C/84F	Geneva	Thunder	24C/75F
Lisbon	Thunder	24C/75F	Lisbon	Thunder	23C/73F
Madrid	Thunder	23C/73F	Madrid	Fair	24C/75F
Paris	Thunder	27C/81F	Paris	Thunder	24C/75F
Rome	Sunny	28C/82F	Rome	Fair	29C/84F

## Around the world yesterday

Amsterdam	C	F	Hong Kong	C	F	New York	C	F
Amsterdam	22	72	Fair	33	91	Drizzle	23	73
Athens	.....	Sunny	30 86	Istanbul	.....	Shwrs	24	75
Barcelona	.....	Fair	30 86	Jersey	.....	Fair	24	75
Berlin	.....	Fair	19 66	Larnaca	.....	Sunny	31	88
Budapest	.....	Fair	20 68	Las Palmas	.....	Sunny	27	81
Cairo	.....	Fair	32 90	Los Angeles	.....	Fair	29	84
Cape Town	.....	Sunny	16 61	Luxor	.....	Sunny	36	97
Casablanca	.....	Fair	26 79	Malaga	.....	Fair	28	82
Corfu	.....	Sunny	29 84	Mallorca	.....	Sunny	34	93
Dublin	.....	Drizzle	16 61	Malta	.....	Sunny	31	88
Dubrovnik	.....	Sunny	25 77	Melbourne	.....	Cloudy	13	55
Faro	.....	Rain	21 70	Miami	.....	Cloudy	33	91
Florence	.....	Sunny	28 82	Moscow	.....	Fair	11	52
Gibraltar	.....	Sunny	23 73	Nairobi	.....	Fair	23	73
Guernsey	.....	Fair	24 75	New Delhi	.....	Fair	34	93
				New York	.....	Drizzle	23	73
				Nice	.....	Sunny	26	79
				Nicosia	.....	Sunny	33	91
				Perth	.....	Sunny	24	75
				Prague	.....	Fair	19	66
				Singapore	.....	Shwrs	30	86
				Stockholm	.....	Fair	19	66
				Sydney	.....	Fair	19	66
				Tel Aviv	.....	Sunny	31	88
				Tenerife	.....	Sunny	27	81
				Toronto	.....	Cloudy	23	73
				Tunis	.....	Sunny	32	90
				Venice	.....	Sunny	25	77
				Vienna	.....	Fair	19	66
				Warsaw	.....	Cloudy	13	55

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# Oh, no seven...ex Bond axed from own show for boasting about sex

Picture: ALAMY

By Tom Bryant

FORMER James Bond star George Lazenby has issued a grovelling apology after being axed from his own live show for reportedly crowing about the women he had slept with.

The star, 83, said he was "sorry and saddened" that people in Saturday's audience of a talk in Perth, Australia, were offended.

He said: "It was never my intention to make hurtful or homophobic comments and I am truly sorry if my stories that I have shared many times were taken that way."

It is not clear exactly what he said but a member of the audience described them as "horrific" during a radio interview.

## Admired

The caller said: "He spent all of the interview just talking basically about his sexual conquests, he swore, he certainly wasn't talking about his Bond movie, he downplayed the Queen, a day after she died.

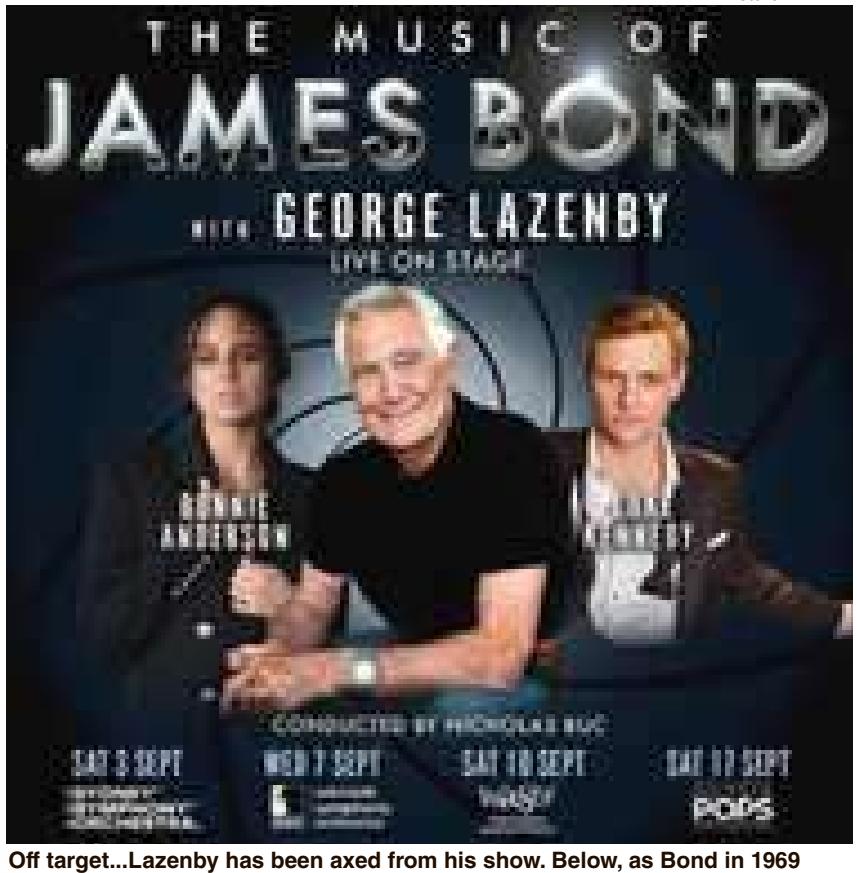
"He named women he had slept with and there were children in the audience and a lot of families who had brought their kids probably to their first classical music concert."

The Australian played 007 in the 1969 James Bond film *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

Organiser Concertworks

later dropped the actor from the tour's Melbourne leg saying his comments were "unacceptable".

The show had orchestral performances and an interview with Lazenby. He said yesterday: "I only



Off target...Lazenby has been axed from his show. Below, as Bond in 1969

ever wish to share some stories and hopefully entertain some people.

"I have friends within my close circle who are gay and I would never wish to offend anyone. Having been surrounded by strong women all my life, I have always admired and respected women and their wishes."

In 2020, Lazenby made

headlines after he said he had slept with five girls a day while filming *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*.

In the same year he rejected claims he was sexist after he was criticised for claiming "women are taking over".

He had infuriated female stars by declaring they had "squeaky voices" and dominate television.

But Lazenby said: "Bond was once described, correctly, as a 'sexist, misogynist dinosaur'. I may be a dinosaur but it would miss the point to describe me as the other words."

## Tributes after death of Grange Hill's Gwyneth

By Alex Green

ACTRESS Gwyneth Powell who played Grange Hill's headteacher has died at 76.

She starred as Bridget McClusky on the BBC show between 1980 and 1991 and also appeared as Greg Davies' mum in Channel 4 comedy *Man Down*.

Other credits include

Heartbeat, Holby City and Father Brown.

Her agent Matthew Lacey said she died "after complications following a major operation for a perforated colon".

He added: "She passed

away peacefully, with her husband Alan Leith and niece at her bedside."

Patricia Hidalgo, director of BBC Children's and Education, said: "We're very sorry to hear of the passing of Gwyneth Powell. Her portrayal of Mrs McClusky will be fondly remembered."

Star role...Gwyneth

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# Vanessa Feltz

FROM THE HEART

## High street store fluffed a chance to rack up profits

WHEN the Queen's father George VI, below, died in 1952, rationing still gripped Britain and my grandfather Maurice Feltz managed to requisition piles of parachute silk left in the quartermaster's stores. He had it dyed black and asked his machinists to turn their hands from making ladies' lingerie to fashioning ties and armbands for a nation in mourning.

As his granddaughter, I know what I'd have done if I were in charge of one of Oxford Street's remaining department stores. Her Majesty's demise was announced at 6.30pm on Thursday. By 7pm I'd have been on the floor moving the black dresses, suits, ties and hats to the front, commemorative goods to a memorial window, facilitating the shopping about to commence.

On Friday I rushed into John Lewis.

"Any black dresses?" I asked bemused staff. They looked blank. I had to sift through pink, turquoise and crimson to find the few that would do.

No wonder the high street is in peril.



## Comforted by palace crowds

I WRITE this just after making the pilgrimage to Buckingham Palace with my children and grandchildren. We all carried posies of white roses, hydrangeas and gypsophila and were swept up in a huge tide of humanity searching for a way to express their admiration and love for our late sovereign.

The throng was delightful. Dogs abounded. Babies surveyed the scene. Tiny tots clutched paintings and cards for Her Majesty. People were decorous and patient when police closed the route through Green Park and then the Mall.

Those who couldn't face a three-hour queue to the palace gates happily left hand-made tributes and jars of marmalade.

We are so glad we went. We needed to be part of the collective expression of grief and respect.

# Let princes unite for life not just in grief

LET ME ask you something. Why shouldn't the rapprochement between Harry and Meghan, William and Kate be real and lasting? There was, we are told, a 45-minute hiatus between William's invitation to his brother and sister-in-law to join the Windsor walkabout and its taking place.

In that crucial three-quarters of an hour, think what might have happened. If she was as intransigent as her critics have implied, Meghan might have dug in her Aquazzura heels and said: "Harry, by all means you go. I'm far too affronted to take part." If she'd insisted on boycotting the foursome, knowing full well how the "Fab Four" pictures would ricochet around the world the moment she acquiesced, there'd have been nothing anyone could have done to shift her.

But Meghan and Harry accepted the olive branch – possibly encouraged by King Charles's loving proclamation – and in so doing built bridges I hope can be the start of peace between the siblings.

Both have been rocked by the death of their beloved granny. Both propelled back in time to the tragic untimely death of their adored mother. Both realise that no one understands the vortex of emotions coursing through them more profoundly than the other.

I'M NOT among cynics dismissing the foursome's united front as a one-off, constructed for the cameras. I'm certain these two men have so genuine and complex a love for one another, built partly on a foundation of shared suffering, that there's an irresistible pull to togetherness. We all know of divided families who, on meeting at opposite sides of a loved one's grave, suddenly see the footling nature of grievances, abandon hostility and fall on each other with deep hugs.

Sometimes it takes heartbreak to put slights, real or imagined, into perspective. William and Harry are hurting. They need and want each other. Meghan and Kate are devoted. They will want to anchor and aid their husbands. I feel the new Waleses and the Sussexes are decent people who will want to help Charles by rallying behind him.

Meghan's interview with Jimmy Fallon has been cancelled. Let's hope Harry's book will be pulped or pruned too, Archie and Lilibet brought to their great-grandmother's funeral, and the Queen's grandsons continue to stand shoulder to shoulder. I'm sure it can happen.

Pictures: GETTY/PA



## Joan in awe of glamour Queen

DAME Joan Collins quite rightly bemoans the fact that the Queen's glamour isn't sufficiently extolled.

She recalls being bedazzled by Her Majesty outshining a red carpet bristling with film stars, in a beaded white satin gown and jaw-dropping diamonds.

Though happiest in tweeds and brogues, the Queen was emblematically elegant, the first in the land to wear Christian Dior's "new look" and remembered for square dancing in a gorgeous circular felt skirt with appliquéd embellishment that prompted copies all across the world.

LIKE Liz Truss and King Charles, I started a new job last week. After 33 years child and woman at the BBC I made my debut presenting TalkTV's Drivetime.

I'm not claiming a parallel experience of course, but boy have I learned on the job that it's a jolt to the soul to hurtle into an entirely fresh challenge in the full glare of public scrutiny.

The comforting cloak of familiarity is ripped away and the effort of appearing authoritative in a hitherto untried role is intense.

So far Liz has played a blinder, the King has been magnificent and I am doing my very best.

## EMOTIONAL JOURNEY AS PRINCESS ROYAL CARRIES OUT MOTHER'S SACRED WISH

IN THE Jewish tradition, before the burial the deceased are never left alone. A family member or kind person from the community will sit with the body, keeping it company.

Remembering the loss of my own mother and the combined privilege and pain of maintaining a vigil beside

her, I feel enormously for the Queen's only daughter, Anne, the Princess Royal.

Anne today accompanies her mother's coffin on its flight from Edinburgh Airport to RAF Northolt. It was Her Majesty's express wish that Anne perform this special

service. Anne shared with her mother an indefatigable appetite for hard work and an irrepressible passion for dogs and horses. Their pleasure in each other's company was abundant. Her emotions when she undertakes her sacred task will be overwhelming.

## 30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge: for the very young or arithmetically rusty, you have 30

seconds for the BEGINNER task. For a greater challenge, try BEGINNER and INTERMEDIATE in 30 seconds. True mental gymnasts should try INTERMEDIATE and ADVANCED in 30 seconds together.

Today's answers can be found in the puzzles pullout  
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Beginner	4	SQUARE IT	+46	REVERSE THE DIGITS	50% OF THIS	-4	x6	-39	2/5 OF THIS	
Intermediate	272	75% OF THIS	-48	÷12	+248	8/9 OF THIS	-77	3/5 OF THIS	+187	
Advanced	168	+274	8/13 OF THIS	-255	SQUARE IT	+66	INCREASE BY 80%	-63	5/12 OF THIS	

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10 13 14 21 46 7

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EUROMILLIONS  
17 23 24 26 27 4 9

THUNDERBALL  
4 5 8 15 33 2

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"Despite the agony of his loss, Charles III has made a majestic start to his reign."**

Leo McKinstry

## SUDOKU

Fill in all the squares so that each row, each column, and each 3x3 square contain all the digits from 1 to 9

	2	7			9	4	
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	8	1			6	9	

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6	1	9	5	3	2	4	7	8
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2	3	4	9	5	7	1	8	6
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# Covid falls to lowest level for 11 months

By Ian Jones

was 942,600. Infections hit 3.8 million in July during the spread of the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, but have been waning.

The ONS said virus cases are continuing to drop in England and Wales while the trend is uncertain in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

### Waning

This is the first time the figure has fallen below a million since the beginning of June.

It is also the lowest total since October 2021, when the number



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## Calm seas see more crossings

By **Alex Barton**

HUNDREDS of migrants were intercepted crossing the Channel in small boats as people smugglers took advantage of calm seas.

A total of 253 were detained on Sunday after eight incidents, according to figures from the Ministry of Defence.

Dozens more arrived yesterday. Around 30-40 were brought into the harbour at Dover on a Border Force vessel to a part of the dock out of view of the public. More migrants are expected throughout the day.

The Border Force 25-metre catamaran Hurricane was seen bringing in the first group – mostly men – yesterday morning.

Some clutched smartphones as they disembarked with nothing more than the clothes on their backs.

So far this month, 2,917 migrants have made the 21-mile crossing.

The number of migrants known to have arrived this year is 27,960, in 713 boats.

## City bans e-scooters after trial

By **Paul Francis**

E-SCOOTERS will be outlawed from towns before a two-year pilot ends over fears of pedestrian injuries.

Kent County Council rejected plans to keep the scheme running beyond November 30 and will phase it out before then.

In July Sarah Carter, 80, suffered a broken wrist, cracked jaw and broken cheekbone after she was struck by an e-scooter on a pavement in Canterbury.

In 2021 there were 1,359 casualties and nine deaths involving e-scooters across the UK.

Cllr David Brazier, Kent County Council's cabinet member for transport, said: "I decided to truncate it before someone was seriously hurt. Another elderly person could have quite easily been even more seriously injured or even killed."

He said riders were using routes not permitted in the pilot.

Scooter operator Bird said that it was "very disappointed".

# Police search golf course in hunt for gun that killed Olivia

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**Tip-off...**  
police hunting the killer of Olivia Pratt-Korbel, above, search a golf course in a Liverpool suburb, right

DETECTIVES hunting the deadly weapons that killed nine-year-old Olivia Pratt-Korbel yesterday searched the grounds of a popular golf course.

The schoolgirl was shot dead and her mother Cheryl Korbel wounded as she tried to stop a gunman chasing a stranger into their home in Dovecot, Liverpool.

Now three weeks on from Olivia's murder, Merseyside Police said an "extensive land search" was being carried out at West Derby Golf Club.

Detective Chief Superintendent Mark Kameen said: "Our investigation continues in our relentless pursuit of the man responsible for Olivia's murder and those who are shielding him.

### Message

"I promised that we would leave no stone unturned in our hunt for the offender and the guns used on that night.

"And today, following information, we are carrying out an extensive land search at West Derby Golf Club in our hunt for those weapons."

Search teams at the venue in a leafy suburb of the city were being supported by the North West Underwater Search Team and the Merseyside Police drone unit.

Det Chief Supt Kameen added: "My message to the offender is clear – we will not stop until we have the evidence to put you before the courts and behind bars."

"Olivia's family are absolutely broken by her loss, which has robbed a beautiful young child of the life and

future she should have been looking forward to.

"Olivia wanted to be a teacher or a vet and her family have described her as someone who liked to laugh and make others laugh. She was an innocent young child in her own home, who should have been safe."

He also explained that there have been nine arrests so far and added: "We have made nine arrests and are building up an evidential picture, but we still need more information and we need to find the guns."

"I would appeal to anyone who has information which could help us to come forward. This offender and those protecting him are a blight on the community and the impact they have on the decent people of the community is toxic."

"The information you have could be that vital piece of information we need to find justice for Olivia and her family. If you know anything please get in touch."

Olivia was shot in the chest by a balaclava-clad gunman, who was chasing convicted burglar Joseph Nee – released from prison on licence – as part of a suspected criminal underworld feud at about 10pm on August 22. The killer was pursuing Nee who forced his way into Olivia's home after her mother Cheryl opened the door to investigate the commotion outside in the street.

Cheryl, 46, with a bandaged arm, last week issued an emotional plea for the killer to come forward, saying: "You know you've done wrong, so you need to own up."



# I wish Tube attacker finished me off



**Victim...James Porritt**

A BUSINESSMAN who survived a machete assault on the Tube said he wished he had been "finished off" as his attacker was jailed for life.

James Porritt, 41, suffered devastating injuries after being struck repeatedly by a complete stranger.

Ricky Morgan, 35, left his victim with deep wounds to his head, leg and one of his hands "in separate pieces".

Passengers on a Jubilee Line train near Green Park,

By **John Twomey**

London, clambered over each other to escape the attack in July last year.

Morgan, of no fixed address, denied attempted murder on the grounds of insanity. But a jury at the Old Bailey found him guilty last May and he was jailed for life yesterday.

Judge John Hillen ordered

can be considered for parole. He told the attacker: "You are not suffering from a mental disorder for which you require admission into a hospital under the Mental Health Act."

James, who was on his way to meet his girlfriend when Morgan struck, said: "I scream in my sleep."

He added: "I wish my attacker...had finished me off as my pain is so excruciating."



**Locked up...Morgan on the rampage**

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## Mortgage deals are vanishing for buyers

By Vicky Shaw

BORROWERS have nearly 1,000 fewer mortgage deals to choose from than they did a year ago – with more than 500 deals vanishing since last month.

The number of available fixed and variable rate home loans has shrunk to 3,890, the lowest since April last year, says Moneyfacts.

Some 517 fewer residential mortgages are on offer in September than the total counted by the independent data site in August.

There were 4,812 mortgage deals available in September last year – 922 more than there are this month.

### Cheaper

Moneyfacts said the fall in the choice of mortgage products has happened across the range of deposit sizes.

Despite the selection narrowing, it could still be worth people searching for a cheaper deal as the average standard variable rate stands at 5.4 per cent – the highest since December 2008. The average two-year tracker rate is at 3.33 per cent.

People revert to their lender's standard variable rate when their initial mortgage deal comes to an end.

Eleanor Williams, from Moneyfacts, said: "It's important borrowers are not put off exploring their options."

## Meteorite is a gem...

By Mark Waghorn

RARE diamond-bearing meteorites falling to Earth are the result of an asteroid hitting a dwarf planet 4.5 billion years ago, scientists say.

The meteorites contain lonsdaleite, a hexagonal gemstone which is about 58 per cent harder than regular diamonds.

Its discovery could help create indestructible drills for mining.

The natural lonsdaleite – named after Dame Kathleen Lonsdale, a British crystallographer – was formed due to a "catastrophic collision" by one proto-planet. The study is in *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.



## Crown pair go back to black

By Chris Riches

CROWN stars Olivia Colman and Emma Corrin wore black at a Canada film festival – but that was where the similarity ended.

While Olivia, 48, who played the Queen in the Netflix series, looked elegant in a trench coat dress, Emma, 26, who portrayed Princess Diana, went for a high-cut bodysuit and killer heels.

The pair appeared at the Toronto International Film Festival's TIFF Tribute Awards on Sunday.

Earlier, promoting her new film *Empire Of Light*, Olivia praised King Charles's "beautiful" speech after his mother's death. She said: "I felt proud to be British. I think he's going to do a good job."

Emma and singer Harry Styles, 28, shared a performance award for *My Policeman* with co-stars.



Stylish...Olivia, above, and dare-to-bare Emma. Inset, Emma and co-star Harry

## Hairy Biker Dave: Seafood would really spice up my life



Treatment...Dave hopes for TV return

HAIRY Bikers star Dave Myers has been craving seafood as he battles cancer, and he has set his sights on returning to TV with his sidekick Si King for a series about spice.

Celebrity chef Dave, 65, revealed in May he was undergoing chemotherapy to fight the disease.

He has now told how he's keeping his spirits up by dreaming of returning to a fish restaurant in South Africa, which would help to cure his cravings.

He said: "I haven't been very well recently and I'm craving all sorts of food, and seafood."

"There's a restaurant outside of Cape Town called The Codfather. It's like a wet fish shop where you go in and order the fresh fish and they cook it, and you have it with rice or chips."

"That drive down from Cape Town

By Mark Jefferies

down the coast would be wonderful, having a few glasses of South African wine and then the best seafood.

"I'd quite like to be there tomorrow. I did a film there years ago with Dennis Hopper and Diane Kruger and Dennis said it was the best seafood restaurant he's ever been to."

Before he became a celebrity chef, Dave worked as a make up artist for movies, specialising in prosthetics.

Dave and Si, 55,

have been known as The Hairy Bikers since their first TV show. A pilot episode aired on BBC Two in 2004, in

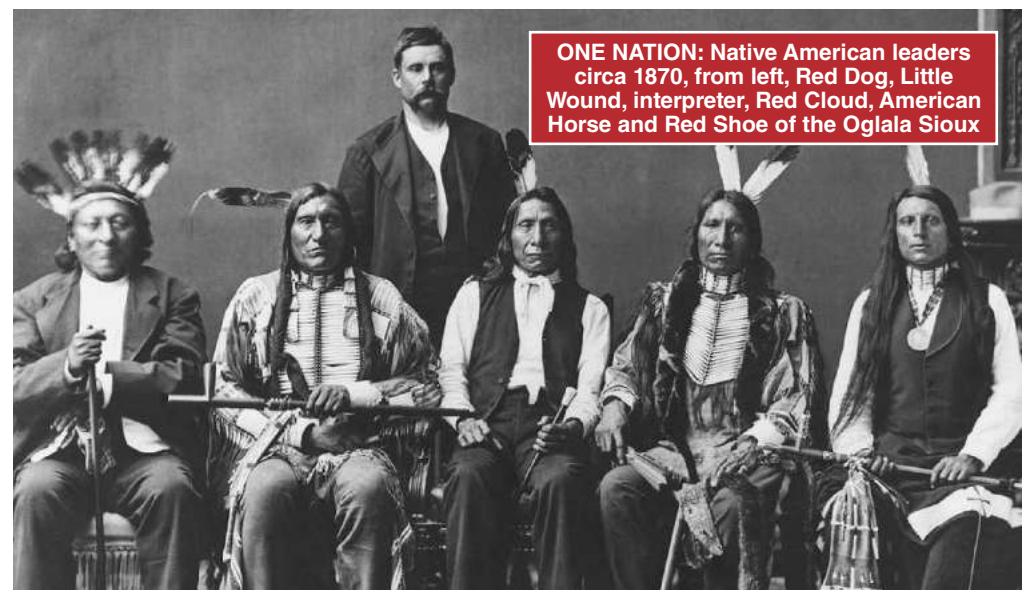
which they visited Portugal, and it was such a success the corporation commissioned two series, which saw them head to the likes of Namibia, Vietnam and Mexico.

They have gone on to star in many other cookery shows and are keen to land another commission.

When asked on Radio 4's *The Food Programme* which country they would like to go to next, Si said: "Indonesia. We want to do a series on spice."



Telly Favourites...Dave, top, with co-star Si King



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By Alec Marsh

**S**PURRED by dreams of fabulous wealth, the gold-rush miners trundling across the dusty "Wild" West in their wagon trains knew they were gambling with their lives as they strained their ears for the dreaded war cries of marauding Native Americans. It's a clichéd scene recalled in countless Western movies, but attacks by enraged indigenous tribal warriors were a grim reality in the mid-1860s.

A US Army campaign to protect the miners blazing their trail through the heart of the Native Americans' lands had failed in the face of fierce resistance from the tribes, so Washington sent peace commissioners to try to talk to the key Indian leader Red Cloud.

It was a two-faced ruse.

When Red Cloud and other tribal chiefs finally agreed to meet them at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, in March 1866, they found that along with the "peace" representatives came a detachment of the 18th Infantry Regiment, under Colonel Henry Carrington, on a mission to establish forts along the miners' trail.

Red Cloud, described by US historian Dee Brown as a "lithie figure, clad in a light blanket and moccasins... his straight black hair, parted in the middle, was draped over his shoulders to his waist" made his protest, but declared his agreement to a "lasting peace with the whites and all travellers on the road".

The next morning his men stampeded 175 horses from Carrington's train.

It was the start of Red Cloud's War, a guerrilla conflict targeting soldiers and travellers, as well as the three forts Carrington's men rapidly built along the 250-mile Bozeman Trail from Fort Laramie to the gold mines of Montana.

That summer, no wagon train was secure from attack.

Red Cloud's warriors used faints and decoys to draw off their better-armed military pursuers and to attack them on more equal terms.

Meanwhile, Red Cloud flexed his muscles as a diplomat, convincing the Arapaho to join his Lakota Sioux tribe's resistance. He also sought peace with another tribe, the Crow.

By late summer, he had assembled a force of 3,000 and an arsenal of rifles.

As winter set in, having spent months wearing down Carrington's garrisons, the Indians turned the screw. Red Cloud led an alliance of Lakota, Cheyenne and Arapaho to converge on Fort Phil Kearny, Carrington's headquarters.

A war party of young warriors drew out a large body of US soldiers, under Captain William Fetterman, which charged out to attack... and was led into an ambush.

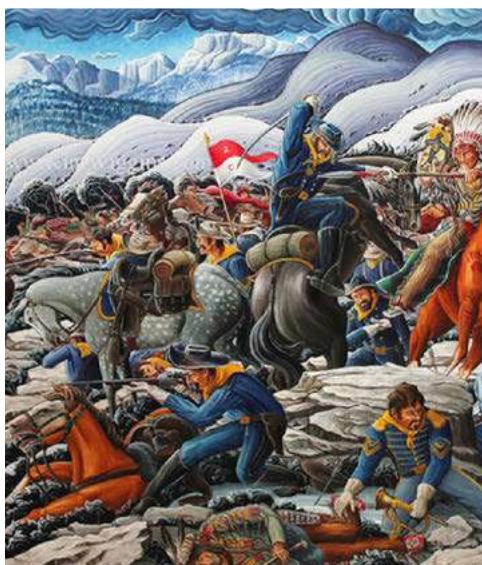
There were no survivors. The 81 mutilated bodies of Fetterman's unit sent an implacable message. The Battle Of A Hundred Slain, as the Indians know it, remains the second greatest defeat inflicted on the US during the Indian Wars.

And while most of us have heard of Sioux leader Sitting Bull, and Apache warrior Geronimo, Red Cloud, born two centuries ago this month, deserves greater recognition as the Indian chief who took on the might of the emerging United States – and won. Thanks to his victories, in battle and by diplomacy, around 5,000 square miles of South Dakota (an area more than eight times the size of Greater London) were set aside as Sioux lands, and are still claimed by them to this day.

Such was his contribution to the cause of freedom for indigenous Indians that Oglala Lakota chief Flying Hawk called Red Cloud "the Red Man's George Washington".

Red Cloud was born into Native American royalty 200 years ago next week on September 20, 1822. His mother was the daughter of Old Chief Smoke, the chief of the Oglala band of the Lakota, one of the seven "fires" (tribes) of the Great Sioux Nation, and his father was a chief of the Brule band, another Lakota group.

During his childhood in the 1820s, white faces were rare in the wilderness where his



The name Red Cloud may not be as familiar as Sitting Bull or Geronimo, but centuries after his death, it's time to recognise the achievements of the unsung indigenous leaders who took on the US and won.

Red Cloud's people, the Oglala Lakota, were a nomadic band that lived on the North Platte River (in modern day Nebraska), following their ponies on the summer grasses and great plains and hunting the buffalo for food, clothing and shelter, as their ancestors had done for generations.

**N**OT THAT it was always peaceful. There were battles with rival tribes and Red Cloud is said to have taken his first scalp, aged 16, in battle against the Pawnee. His story helped inspire the best historical whodunnit, Ghosts of the West, featuring my detectives Drabble and Ladd.

Standing well over 6ft tall, he had earned a reputation as a fearsome figure.

# NATIVE AMERICAN WARS



**WARRIOR DIPLOMAT:**  
Red Cloud, main, took  
his fight to justice to the  
US President; left,  
artist's impression of  
Fetterman massacre by  
Kim Douglas Wiggins

Red Cloud might  
not be as famous as Geronimo but, two  
years after his birth, it is time  
to celebrate the achievements of  
this courageous leader who  
fought for his people... and won

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the time he was in his 40s, and he would need to be. After decades in which there had been only a trickle of white migrants, it became a flood, thanks in part to the end of the American Civil War in 1865, which freed up men, weapons and the will for Americans to go West. The Bozeman Trail, which had opened in 1863, ran slap bang through the Powder River basin, a land regarded by the American Indians as their last great hunting ground. Red Cloud's guerrilla war showed they were not about to give it up without a fight. Carrington was recalled, reinforcements were sent and a new peace commission was dispatched in 1867.

But the war raged on and despite another peace initiative led by American Civil War hero General William Sherman, the Indians kept up their resistance – and control of

the trail. When Sherman and the peace commissioners returned in the spring of 1868, they had orders to abandon the forts and get a peace deal.

Red Cloud agreed to sign only when the forts were actually given up. In July, the soldiers walked out of Fort C. F. Smith in Montana. Red Cloud burned it down the next day; in August, Fort Phil Kearny was abandoned. That was burned too.

Red Cloud signed the treaty that November at Fort Laramie, but once again the Indians had been lied to. The treaty they signed was not as it had been presented.

"I am not hard to swindle because I do not know how to read or write," Red Cloud would later declare, but he was not about to give up. In 1870 he was invited to meet "the Great Father in Washington" – President

Ulysses S. Grant. He stayed at the White House, toured the city and Congress. Throughout he remained unwavering, but he realised the power of the enemy. He told Secretary of the Interior Jacob Cox he did not want his people sent to a reservation on the Missouri river. "This is the fourth time I have said no," he declared. "We are but a handful, and you are a great and powerful nation."

"You make all the ammunition; all I ask is enough for my people to kill game. The Great Spirit has made all things

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**FALSE PROMISES:**  
Colonel Henry Carrington and  
Red Cloud

that I have in my country wild. I have to hunt them up; it is not like you whites, what you are doing, raising stock, and so forth. I know I will have to come to that in a few years myself."

Indeed, Red Cloud realised his people had no choice but to change given the near extermination of the buffalo by settlers. When he met the President, he told him the terms of the 1868

treaty as he understood it and Grant, realising them to be different from the text, ordered it to be read aloud. "This is the first time I have heard of such a treaty," Red Cloud declared afterwards. "I never heard of it and do not mean to follow it."

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HE US government relented and the next day Cox explained a new "interpretation": while the Powder River lay outside the permanent reservation designated for the Great Sioux Nation, it was inside an area set aside for hunting and the Sioux could live there. Red Cloud agreed to take his people to a reservation on the River Platte.

He persuaded the other chiefs to follow suit. After banquets and meetings in Washington, Red Cloud was invited to New York where he spoke to the public and received a "tumultuous ovation".

Reporting on his tour, London's Evening Standard newspaper declared: "Red Cloud bore himself in the capital of his enemies with dignity and manliness."

In the years that followed, Red Cloud remained committed to peace. When the Black Hills gold rush of 1874 led to the Great Sioux War of 1876 – in which Custer and his unit of the Seventh Cavalry were wiped out by Sitting Bull – he did not fight.

The war ended in defeat for the Sioux and in 1877 the US government took 7.7 million acres of the Black Hills (some 10 per cent of the entire Great Sioux Reservation agreed in 1868).

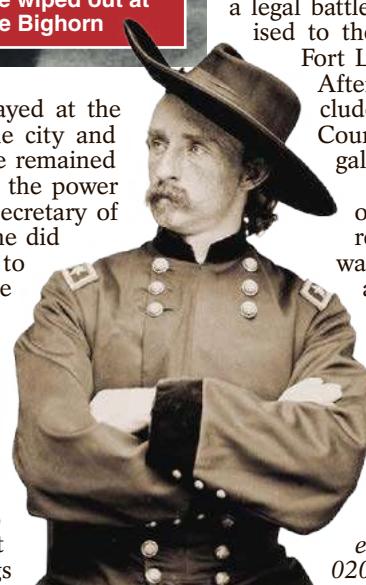
Red Cloud also led his people to a new agency at Pine Ridge and witnessed further government land grabs in the 1880s. He stood firm for peace in 1890 after the massacre of Wounded Knee. By the time he died at the Pine Ridge Agency, the Sioux occupied six small parcels of land across South Dakota and Nebraska, perhaps equivalent to a quarter of what was agreed in 1868.

"They made us many promises, more than I can remember," Red Cloud later said. "But they never kept but one; they promised to take our land, and they took it."

He died in 1909, aged 87, but the passing of Red Cloud was not the end of Sioux aspirations for justice. In 1920, the Sioux started a legal battle over the Black Hills – promised to them under the 1868 Treaty of

Fort Laramie all those years before. After many setbacks, this concluded in 1980 with a US Supreme Court ruling that the lands had illegally been stolen from the Sioux.

The Native Americans were offered compensation. They refused to take it, insisting they wanted their land back. Four decades on, they still haven't accepted the money. Nor have they got their land. But you never know. One day.



**LAST STAND:** Gen George Armstrong Custer and his unit were wiped out at Little Bighorn

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# your health

The showbiz medic opens up to **Amy Packer** about his own experiences of asthma and explains why he believes we need to take the condition more seriously

Over the past decade, Dr Ranj Singh has become a much-loved household name, appearing as a resident doctor on *This Morning* and *Morning Live*, wowing us on *All Star Musicals*, winning *Cooking With The Stars* and competing on *Strictly*, where he dazzled with his unforgettable Aladdin-inspired quickstep.

But away from the sequins and camera crews, Dr Ranj, as he's affectionately become known since first gracing our screens on CBeebies show *Get Well Soon*, still works part-time as an NHS doctor. Talking to him, it's clear medicine remains a strong focus, despite the draw of showbiz.

In fact, the importance of looking after our own health is a lesson he learned at a very young age, when both Ranj, now 43, and his younger brother Harminderjit, 42, developed asthma.

"I can still remember the panic of lying in bed when my breathing was bad, wondering whether I'd be able to catch my next breath, which was a really horrible experience," he says of his childhood in Medway, Kent.

"Thankfully my asthma was only ever mild, and I was lucky enough never to be hospitalised."

In fact, the pair both believed they had "grown out" of the condition once they reached adulthood, having not been troubled by symptoms for years.

But when Covid struck, the brothers received an unexpected wake-up call.

At the start of the pandemic, Harminderjit, who works in financial services and still lives in Kent, came down with Covid and started struggling for breath.

"I wasn't with him, but by the time he got to his local medical centre he was too breathless to speak," says Ranj, who lives in London. "And although he recognised that he was probably having an asthma attack, he didn't have an inhaler or a clue how serious it actually was."

"Thankfully he got help, has recovered and he's been fine ever since, but his life was definitely put at risk that day," Ranj says. "It was a reminder to me of how dangerous asthma can be."

It's one of the reasons Ranj makes time to support



leading lung charity *Asthma + Lung UK*. According to the charity's research, one in six adults don't realise asthma attacks can be fatal and yet four die from one every day.

Additionally, 70 per cent of those with asthma are not getting the basic care they are entitled to, such as a yearly asthma review, due to pressures on the NHS.

As lung disease is the third biggest killer in the UK, it is obviously cause for concern.

"Potentially anyone with asthma can become very ill," says Dr Ranj, who has also seen it first hand having spent years working in children's A&E and intensive care in London hospitals.



**FEARS** Ranj and his brother Harminderjit



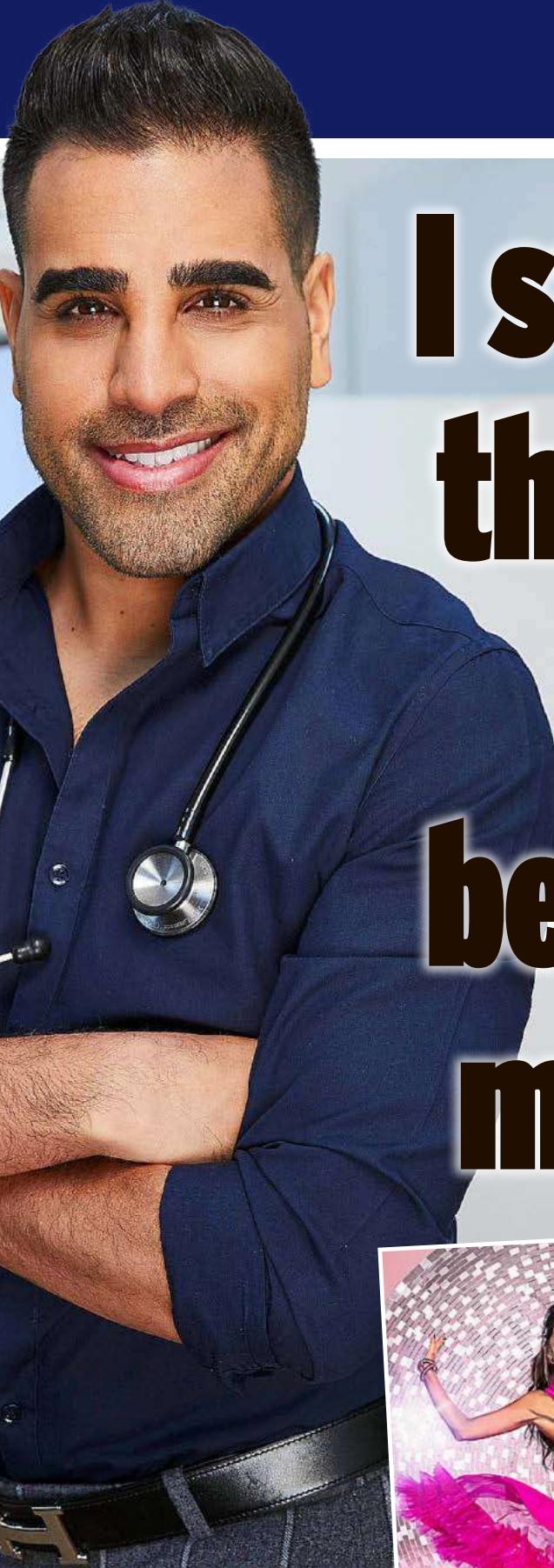
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**DR RANJ**

# I still remember the panic of not knowing if I'd be able to catch my next breath



**MOVES**  
Appearing on Strictly in 2018

**STAR**  
Ranj on children's show Get Well Soon



"The last thing I want to do as a clinician is to scaremonger, but I do think it's important to realise that asthma can put both children and adults into ICU."

Although asthma is a relatively common condition, affecting around 5.4 million people in the UK, Dr Ranj believes it should be taken far more seriously than it is, and admits he finds people's nonchalant approach frustrating and worrying.

"As a doctor, I have looked after children with asthma in intensive care who are extremely unwell. It's an unpredictable condition and if it's not managed properly it can make people dangerously ill."

"Putting a child on a ventilator is never an easy option and it is always a shocking outcome for parents. Some simply don't realise that asthma can be life-threatening."

"This needs to change if we want to prevent children from ending up in hospital with serious asthma attacks,"

he stresses. Dr Ranj's timely warning comes early in the new school year, when children are at most risk of life-threatening asthma attacks because they are exposed to the "perfect storm" of viruses, colder weather and a change in routine. Recent statistics from Asthma + Lung UK have revealed that the number of children hospitalised in the first four weeks of the autumn term can surge by up to 300 per cent.

"Some children may fall out of their usual preventer inhaler routines over the summer break which can leave them much more vulnerable to an attack," explains Erika Radford, head

of health advice at Asthma + Lung UK.

"The best thing parents can do is to ensure their child takes their preventer inhaler (usually brown) every day as prescribed.

This helps calm the inflammation in their airways and reduces the risk of an asthma attack.

"Children should also have their reliever inhaler (usually blue) and a spacer (if they use one) at school to use if they have asthma symptoms."

But for Dr Ranj, it's not just about changing peoples' behaviour, it's about challenging unhelpful attitudes.

"People see asthma as a mild illness that isn't harmful, but the truth is it can be dangerous, even fatal, and needs to be taken

seriously," he stresses. "It's surprising the number of people with an asthma diagnosis who don't carry a reliever inhaler with them, and who don't know what to do in the event of an asthma attack. We need to change that."

He believes asthma should be

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE HAVING AN ASTHMA ATTACK

GP Dr Andy Whittamore, clinical lead at Asthma + Lung UK, has advice for those experiencing an asthma attack:

- Sit up straight and try to keep calm.
- Take one puff of your reliever inhaler (usually blue) every 30-60 seconds for up to 10 puffs.
- If you feel worse at any point or you don't feel better after 10 puffs, call 999 for an ambulance.
- If the ambulance has not arrived after 10 minutes and your symptoms are not improving, repeat step 2.
- If your symptoms are no better after repeating step 2, and the ambulance has still not arrived, contact 999 again immediately.

**Asthma + Lung UK is committed to transforming lung health by campaigning for breathlessness to be taken seriously, funding groundbreaking research and providing advice and help to people with lung conditions. For more on asthma attacks, visit [asthmaandlung.org.uk](http://asthmaandlung.org.uk) or call 0300 222 5800.**

**Dr Ranj's latest books, Brain Power (£9.99; Wren & Rook) and Superpower Like Mine (£6.99; Hodder), a picture book for younger children, are out now.**

treated as seriously as a food allergy and reliever inhalers put on an equal footing with EpiPens and carried everywhere. "If someone goes into anaphylactic shock, it is treated as a medical emergency, but if someone has an asthma attack it is often dismissed as a bit of a cough or a wheeze and that isn't right," says Ranj.

The good news is, he adds, that if managed really well, asthma doesn't need to dominate the lives of children or parents. This is a sentiment echoed by Erika, who says there are precautions parents can take to prevent their child from becoming seriously unwell or ending up in hospital.

"Parents should make sure that their child has a yearly review with their GP or asthma nurse," she says.

"This should include a check to ensure they are using their inhaler properly and have a written asthma action plan."

Over a million children in the UK have asthma and every 2.5 minutes a child has a potentially life-threatening asthma attack. The warning signs that a child's asthma

symptoms are getting worse include coughing and wheezing at night or early in the morning, breathlessness, complaining about chest or stomach pain, or needing their reliever inhaler (usually blue) three or more times a week.

"Older children present very much like adults and tend to cough and wheeze, fortunately they are usually able to express what they are feeling," explains Dr Ranj. "But if a younger child is struggling to breathe, amongst the usual signs parents need to look out for are fatigue, a reluctance to speak or play and a tendency for them to pull in their chests when breathing as they might not be able to articulate what is happening."

"By being vigilant, giving medication as prescribed and knowing how to deal with an asthma attack, most parents should feel in control of their child's asthma," he adds.

"But it's still important to know when to get help and what to do in an emergency."

# yourhealth

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If you thought endless cups of coffee were the only way to help boost concentration and focus, think again.

**James Moore** reveals some surprising, scientifically proven ways to pep up your performance

#### Juice the job

Make sure you have a glass of orange juice with your breakfast before you start your working day. A study by the University of Reading showed it could improve alertness and concentration. The effect has been linked to flavonoids in the fruit.

#### Go green

Put a peace lily on your workstation. A Dutch study found that indoor plants increase concentration levels, while research at Exeter University found greenery in the workplace was linked to improved productivity and boosted staff well-being by 47 per cent.

#### Stand up

Standing rather than sitting while you work could give you a lift. Scientists at the University of Leicester discovered that more than half of people using standing desks felt more engaged at work after a year of using them.



#### Chew chew

Boffins at Cardiff University revealed that people who chewed gum during a memory task were able to focus for longer compared to those who didn't. Further research has shown that the activity increases blood flow to the brain.

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# Focus pocus

#### Make a note

Your parents may have spent years telling you music prevents you from concentrating properly, but if you're allowed to listen to music while at work then sticking on some pop music is actually fine. Research by Mindlab International found 58 per cent of people were faster at data entry when listening to pop music. Meanwhile, listening to classical tunes can help memory recall, according to a US study.

#### Draw conclusions

Struggling to complete tasks without distraction? Doodling at work could be the answer if you want to stay focused. Scientists at Plymouth University found that it helps you concentrate on information. One example of this was doodlers could recall names and places 29 per cent better than people who were not doodling.

#### Go green

Load up your plate with some leafy greens. Research published in the journal Neurology indicates that people who ate two portions of the stuff daily were typically able to focus on tasks as well as people five years younger than them.

#### Scroll down

Hide your phone. Using social media during working hours is a serious distraction and can reduce work performance and concentration, according to research by the University of Bergen in Norway. Stick the phone in a drawer so it's out of sight, out of mind.



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## Retail therapies

By AMY PACKER



■ Research by Gousto revealed that half of people want to make sustainable changes at mealtimes, so it has launched its Carbon-Cutting Cuisine range, a selection of delicious, planet-friendly plates such as healthy fakeaway vegan Cheezeburgers and 10-minute fish curry (from £3.14 per serving; [gousto.co.uk](http://gousto.co.uk)) with options championing seasonal veg, meat swaps and dairy alternatives.



■ In collaboration with Smalls Merino, Woolroom has launched a sustainable, 100 per cent merino wool sleepwear range. Made using very fine yarn to ensure it is skin and eczema friendly, the pyjamas and night dresses have heat regulating benefits and transport moisture away from the body, keeping you cool and dry. From £30 in sizes 6-20 ([thewoolroom.com](http://thewoolroom.com))

■ Hair often loses its volume as you age, which can impact confidence. Charles Worthington's GrowStrong (from £5.99; Boots) shampoo, conditioner and serum help keep the lengths you do have in peak condition by reducing breakage by up to 90 per cent using a blend of pea sprout extract and proteins for scalp health.



■ Research published in the BMJ Nutrition Prevention and Health journal last month revealed that a small (57g) daily portion of Jarlsberg Original (£2.60; Sainsbury's) may help stave off bone thinning without boosting harmful low-density cholesterol. The findings suggest the effects are specific to this type of cheese. Jarlsberg is delicious in sarnies or grated into frittatas and gratins.



# your health

# How video games helped me learn to walk again

Ruby Flanagan lost her leg in a supermarket car park crash last summer. She tells Dawn Collinson how pioneering virtual reality therapy is retraining her brain to adapt to her new prosthetic limb

**A**s the mum of a new baby, Ruby Flanagan had very little interest in video gaming a year ago. The nurse who lives on the Wirral hadn't played games since she was a teenager and had no intention of taking them up again any time soon.

"I definitely wasn't a keen gamer, I wasn't into that at all," she says. "I remember playing against my little brother on things like Mario Kart when we were young and having a go on dance mats, but that was it."

All that changed after a family shopping trip in August last year when Ruby was hit by a car as she carried her newborn son Leon across a supermarket car park.

She managed to throw Leon to safety, but her own injuries were so severe that her right leg had to be amputated, her left needed extensive reconstruction and her pelvis was shattered.

The 25 year old spent three months in Aintree Hospital and underwent 11 operations before being transferred to STEPS rehabilitation centre in Sheffield.

It's here that, for the past six months, Ruby has been unexpectedly gaming again.

As part of the treatment to give her back her independence and help her adapt to the prosthetic leg she now wears, Ruby has been having weekly MindPod sessions.

The neuro-animation therapy, based on computer game technology, has been designed to help patients recover their motor skills and cognitive function. In Ruby's case, it improves her core strength, balance and coordination.

Motion sensors allow her to control Bandit, an animated dolphin, in



**FAMILY**  
Ruby with little son Leon



**The animation is designed to help patients recover their motor skills and balance**



movements which she can then apply to everyday life.

Chasing fish up high in the sea translates to reaching for a wall cupboard in the kitchen, down low

replicates bending to pick up one of Leon's toys.

"You stand in front of the screen, it tracks every move you make and the dolphin responds to that," explains Ruby.

"My goal at first was just to stand and do it for at least 10 minutes, then 15, then 30 and eventually for a full hour-long session. It doesn't feel like any other kind of therapy, it's such a relaxed vibe and there's something

really soothing about dolphins. You're thinking about the game but then before you know it you've done a workout on your arms and you've been standing for an hour.

"You can complete over 100

different levels and each allows you to do more, so it's like a platform game where you keep progressing. You think, 'next week I'll see if I can try the next level' so you've always got something to aim towards."

When Ruby arrived by ambulance at STEPS in November, she was in a wheelchair after her amputation, only able to stand for around a minute. Since then, alongside MindPod, she's had treatment including hydrotherapy, massage, acupuncture and physiotherapy.

MindPod, she says, has played a big part in helping her adjust to life with her new prosthetic leg.

"I honestly thought I would be able to balance straight away once I had the prosthetic," she says. "I thought I'd just get up and start walking again, but it took a lot of energy and time to get me where I am. It's exactly like when you



**THERAPY**  
Dolphin video game aids recovery

## WHAT EXACTLY IS MINDPOD?

MindPod neuro-animation therapy was created by Swiss firm MindMaze and is based on technology developed at the Johns Hopkins University School in Baltimore, USA. A dolphin was specifically chosen for its intelligence, playfulness and expressive movements.

STEPS in Sheffield is one of two rehabilitation centres in the UK to offer MindPod, the other is the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital.

Designed to improve motion skills, cardiovascular capacity and cognitive responses, it's used most with patients recovering from a stroke or brain injury, spinal cord damage and amputation.

Ruby's senior occupational therapist, Lucy Greensmith, explains: "The whole MindPod room is an underwater scene so it's very immersive and the ethos is all about healing - the dolphin catches fish to help the healing process.

"As levels progress you can get it to do things like jump out of the water and perform flips in the air.

"There are different backdrops and even the music and dolphin noises are very calming.

"MindPod mimics the actions of everyday life but in a very free-flowing way. Fish are swimming in all directions and you're having to reach out, and upwards and downwards, so it replicates all those things Ruby is needing to do when she's at home with the baby."

first learn to ride a bike, finding the point of balance. With MindPod, it's been about getting me used to shifting my body weight from left to right.

"I was a bit like Bambi at first and Leon started to walk around the same time, so I'd be watching him and doing the same thing!"

Ruby says being able to play with Leon, who's 18 months old, has been a major focus throughout her recovery.

"Every time I've had something I've wanted to do independently, like bathing him or his bedtime routine, he's been included in sessions so I can work towards those. I just push myself to do as much as I can.

"Therapy has given me back so much quality of life. Now I'm looking forward to taking him back to baby groups, and meeting up with my friends and their children."

# Dr Rosemary Leonard

GETTING TO  
THE HEART OF  
MEDICAL MATTERS



**Q** After having laser surgery for an enlarged prostate, it was recommended that to aid recovery and bladder control I should do pelvic floor exercises. Having done these for about eight weeks I still have a leaking bladder. My wife had come across a device called BTL Emsella that she thinks could help - do you have an opinion on this particular treatment?

**A** The prostate gland is at the base of the bladder in men and surrounds the urethra. It commonly enlarges in older men, a condition called benign prostatic hypertrophy.

This can lead to a poor urine stream, dribbling towards the end of passing urine and a sensation of not quite fully emptying your bladder.

Symptoms can often be managed with medication to relax the bladder muscle and stop the gland enlarging further, but if they are very troublesome then surgery may be required.

Several different types of treatment for prostate enlargement are available, including using a laser, but between two and seven men out of every 100 undergoing laser treatment will have urinary incontinence afterwards, due to damage to the tissue at the base of the bladder.

Regaining full control of their urine is a gradual process that can take several weeks or months, but by six months most men no longer need to wear pads.

Sometimes the incontinence is linked to having an overactive bladder muscle and medication to relax this can be helpful.

BLT Emsella is a treatment to stimulate and strengthen the pelvic floor muscles. It is primarily designed for women with stress incontinence where the pelvic floor has been weakened by childbirth.

I doubt it would be helpful for you and instead I suggest you check with your GP whether there are any medications that might help. Try to be patient - with luck and time the problem should sort itself out.

**Q** I'm 53, started on HRT patches a couple of months ago and, though my doctor said the type of regime I was on should not mean I have periods, I've had quite a lot of spotting. Does this mean I'm on the wrong type of treatment and, if so, what should I try instead?

**A** The main hormone in HRT is oestrogen, which can relieve the numerous symptoms that occur at the menopause. It also stimulates the growth of the lining of the womb, which needs to be counteracted by the addition of a second hormone, progesterone. Oestrogen is given



## I'm still leaking, eight weeks after prostate surgery

continuously, but the way the progesterone is given varies depending on a woman's age.

In those in the perimenopause who are still having periods, and those within a year of their last period, the progesterone is given in a cyclical way for two weeks each month.

This induces a "withdrawal" bleed

and can help stop erratic bleeding which can otherwise occur when there is still some natural hormone production from the ovaries.

In older women whose ovaries have stopped working, the two hormones are both taken continuously - a "continuous combined" regime. The idea with this is that the

action of the hormones on the womb lining is balanced, so it does not grow and there should be no bleeding.

However, it can take several weeks for the womb lining to settle down after the hormones are started, and during this time there may be some bleeding. It should not be heavy or painful and, in most women, it stops

after approximately three months, although it sometimes takes a little longer than this.

So for now, be patient.

If the bleeding persists it may be that you need a different balance of hormones. This may mean altering the dose of your current regime or changing to a different type of either oestrogen, progesterone or both.

This is something that a GP with expertise in HRT should be able to do, but if not you may need referral to a menopause clinic.

**Q** I have a lump on my arm which a scan has confirmed is a lipoma. I'm very self-conscious about it, so I always wear dresses or tops with long sleeves. My GP, although sympathetic, says that having it surgically removed is not medically necessary and would therefore be classified as a cosmetic procedure and not allowed on the NHS. Is this correct and, if so, is there any other way of getting rid of it? A friend suggested a compression sleeve.

**A** A lipoma is a fatty lump beneath the surface of the skin, most commonly in the neck, shoulders, back, tummy, arms or thighs. They feel soft and doughy, and are usually less than 5cm in diameter, but they can grow.

Their cause isn't known, though they can run in families and are not related to body weight. This means that losing weight does not help to get rid of them.

They tend to occur most often in those aged 40 to 60 years old and can often be diagnosed by their feel and appearance, but it is good to have a confirmatory ultrasound scan.

The only way to get rid of them is either by liposuction (sucking out the fat cells) or, more commonly, by removal under a local anaesthetic.

Unfortunately, unless the lump is pressing on a nerve and causing pain or is so large as to cause considerable psychological distress, treatment is regarded as cosmetic, as you say.

Wearing a compression sleeve could help to flatten the lump and so improve the contour of your arm but it won't help to get rid of it.

Though you are very aware of it, ask your friends if they have even noticed it. You may discover it is not nearly as obvious as you think it is.

● If you have a health question for Dr Leonard, email her in confidence at [yourhealth@express.co.uk](mailto:yourhealth@express.co.uk). Dr Leonard regrets she cannot enter into personal correspondence or reply to everyone.

## BOREDOM'S A GOOD THING FOR KIDS

The battle to keep our kids entertained is an ongoing one and many parents try to fill their days with clubs, play groups, crafting and screen time.

But according to Jake Harris, former primary school teacher and podcast producer for portable audio player Yoto ([uk.yotoplay.com](http://uk.yotoplay.com)), a little boredom could go a long way.

"The urge of the modern parent is to micromanage their children's time but letting our little ones take control has

huge benefits - for both children and parents," says Jake. "Sometimes, leaving your children to themselves, giving them the space to make their own entertainment and even letting them be bored can actually be a very productive strategy."

"Boredom gives children the freedom to make their own choices and helps them learn to think critically. If they are the ones deciding what to do, that encourages them to make their own

plans, make their own mistakes, think about their next steps and ultimately what they have learned for next time."

"Simply leaving things in their path to discover will give little ones the chance to reach for something different and give them time to create their own entertainment, use their imagination and allow for a moment of inner quiet," adds Jake. "You might just be surprised at what they come up with when left to their own devices."



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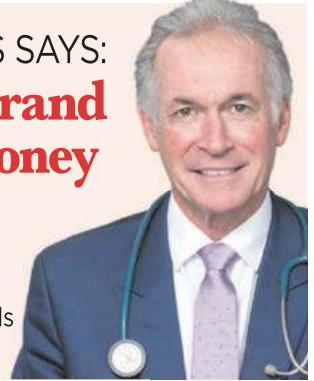
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# Baker's dozen on a roll

IT'S time to break open that box of Mr Kipling's and settle down for 10 more weeks of joyous culinary chaos. **THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF** is back (8pm, Channel 4).

Paul, Prue, Noel and Matt will be stepping once more into TV's most famous tent, to consume countless calories in the line of duty. Nice work.

As always, it's a show that delivers a glow warmer than a cottage loaf straight from the Neff.

With its heady mix of competition and confectionery, lightly dusted with cosy camaraderie, *Bake Off* has become a sugar hit it's almost impossible



**Fiona Price**  
previews  
tonight's TV

for us to resist – especially right now, at a time when we all need cheering up a bit.

We're particularly looking forward to the first Hollywood handshake, to Prue's latest jazzy ensembles and to seeing Matt hover around the baking stations, ready to hoover up any stray morsels. Week one is cake week,

and with the 12 new contestants poised nervously at their workstations, Noel and Matt reveal the opening set of challenges.

The first, the signature challenge, simply requires each baker to produce a dozen perfect mini-cakes.

The other two tasks, both sponge-based, are arguably a little more onerous.

The first of these, the technical challenge, is to make a "striking" sponge cake, for which they're provided with a somewhat sketchy recipe.

The second requires them each to create a 100-per-cent sponge showstopper, designed to look like

a home that's particularly close to their hearts.

Elsewhere tonight, in **DOGS BEHAVING (VERY) BADLY** (7pm, Channel 5), our old friend Graeme "The Dogfather" Hall is about to come face to face with a somewhat short-tempered creature called Ninja.

Possibly feeling he needs to live up to his name in some way, Ninja, who's actually a miniature pinscher, has started taking quite noisy exception to any man who tries to come near his beloved owner Laura.

Making the situation trickier still, the feisty creature makes no exception in the case of Laura's

husband Andy. Can Graeme work his usual calm, seemingly effortless magic?

Drawing to a conclusion later is **THE PYRENEES WITH MICHAEL PORTILLO** (9pm, Channel 5), arguably the most personal travelogue the politician-turned-presenter has undertaken to date. On this final leg, Michael heads back to a region of Spain through which his father, Luis Gabriel Portillo, fled as a political refugee in 1939.

"I hope he might think that my coming here," he reflects, as he walks a route so many refugees will have taken at the time, "is a tribute to him and to his suffering."

## PICKS OF THE DAY



**Drama:** Catherine The Great, Sky Arts, 10pm

Amidst scandal, intrigue and immense conflict, Russian Czarina Catherine the Great (Dame Helen Mirren, left) develops a unique and devoted relationship with Grigory Potemkin (Jason Clarke) as they overcome their adversaries and serve as the architects of modern-day Russia. In this episode Potemkin returns and hopes to begin a relationship with Catherine, only to discover she has fallen for Lieutenant Vasilchikov. Meanwhile, Prince Paul becomes increasingly frustrated at the perceived refusal of his succession to the throne. Lavish drama co-starring a stellar support cast including Gina McKee and Rory Kinnear.



**Reality:** The Fast And The Farmer-ish, BBC3, 8pm

Teams of petrol-heads pitch their souped-up tractors against one another in a bid to be the best tractor drivers in England. With challenges that put their driving skills and vehicle power to the test, who'll take the winner's trophy? In this heat, the Leicestershire Diva Drivers are determined to outwit Somerset's Checkshirt Choppers and get to the semi-final. Farmer and YouTuber Tom Pemberton (left) hosts the fun with three high-octane challenges.



**Travel:** Martin Compston's Scottish Fling, BBC2, 11.15pm

Line Of Duty star Martin (above left) travels across his homeland with best friend, TV host Phil MacHugh (right) to see how its people and landscape are shaping the country. Starting in Martin's hometown of Greenock, and a trip to sunny Dunoon, the boys indulge in a traditional seaside holiday with crazy golf and ice cream with a not-so-traditional local, BBC's glamorous Drag Race winner Lawrence Chaney.



**Film:** Creed II, ITV4, 9pm

Sylvester Stallone (above right) returns as Rocky Balboa, mentoring Michael B. Jordan (left) as the son of his deceased best friend Apollo Creed. Under the guidance of boxing legend Rocky, newly crowned heavyweight champion Adonis faces off against Viktor, the son of Ivan Drago, whom his mentor fought in the 1980s. Drama, starring Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone and Tessa Thompson.



**Drama:** Professor T, ITV3, 11pm

Cambridge criminology professor Jasper Tempest is obsessed with cleanliness, structure and order, and is persuaded by a former student – now a police detective – to help her investigate a serial rapist. Meanwhile, when he discovers his mother Adelaide is trying to sell his long-abandoned family home, Jasper makes a momentous decision. Crime drama based on the original Belgian series of the same name, starring Ben Miller and Frances de la Tour (right).

**DID YOU KNOW?** **Creed II** and **Black Panther** star Michael B. Jordan made his small screen acting debut at the age of 12 with a guest appearance in the first-ever episode of hit mafia crime drama **The Sopranos**.

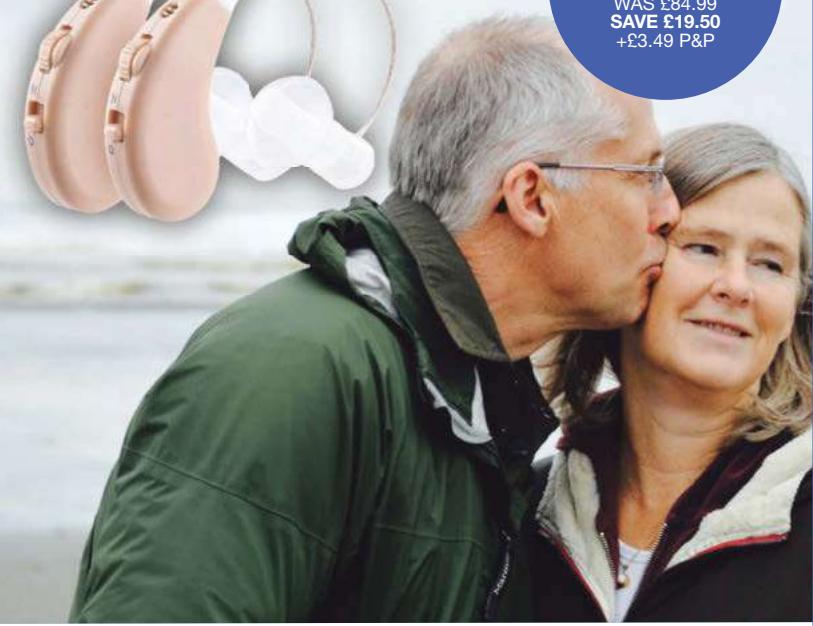
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## BBC One

**6.00am Breakfast** A round-up of national and international news, plus current affairs reports, arts and entertainment, and weather.

**10.00 BBC News Special**

**11.15 HM The King In Northern Ireland** King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla arrive in Belfast. Before travelling to Hillsborough Castle in Co Down, the royal residence in Northern Ireland, for several engagements. Before leaving Charles and Camilla will then travel to St Anne's Cathedral in Belfast where they will attend a service of reflection for the life of the Queen.

**4.00pm BBC News** The day's events plus national and international news headlines.

**4.30 HM The Queen: The Journey To London** Her Majesty The Queen's coffin makes its way to London.

**6.05 BBC News at Six; Weather**

**6.25 Regional News; Weather**

**6.45 The Eve Of The Procession To Lying-In-State**

## BBC Two

**6.05am A to Z of TV Gardening (R)**

**6.50 Sign Zone: Nature's Weirdest Events (R)**

**7.20 Antiques Road Trip (R)**

**8.05 Coast (R)**

**9.05 Lifeline** Sick Children's Trust.

**9.15 Animal Park Summer (R)**

**10.00 The Farmers' Country Showdown (R)**

**10.30 Wanted Down Under (R)**

**11.15 Homes Under the Hammer** Property auctions. (R)

**12.15pm Bargain Hunt (R)**

**1.00 BBC News**

**1.45 Doctors** Sid is surprised to get a visit from an old flame.

**2.15 Money for Nothing (R)**

**3.00 Escape to the Country**

**3.45 The Bidding Room (R)**

**4.30 Antiques Road Trip** Raj Bisram and Irita Marriott search Northamptonshire.

**5.15 Flog It!** Manchester's Museum of Science and Industry. (R)

**5.30 LIVE Women's T20 Cricket** England v India. Coverage of the second match of the series, at Derby's County Ground.

## ITV

**6.00am Good Morning Britain** Morning magazine featuring a lively mix of news and current affairs, plus health, entertainment and lifestyle features.

**9.00 Lorraine** Entertainment, current affairs and fashion news, as well as showbiz stories and celebrity gossip. Presented by Lorraine Kelly.

**10.00 This Morning** Daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, lifestyle features, topical discussion, health and beauty advice and more. Including Local Weather.

**12.00noon ITV News: The King's Tour – Northern Ireland** Coverage as King Charles III carries out engagements at Hillsborough Castle in County Down.

**1.30 ITV News; Weather**

**4.00 ITV News: Queen Elizabeth II – Return to the Palace** Special documentary programme covering the Queen's final journey to London.

## Channel 4

**6.10am Countdown (R)**

**6.50 3rd Rock from the Sun** Double bill of the sitcom. (R)

**7.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** Triple bill of the comedy. (R)

**9.00 Frasier** Triple bill. (R)

**10.30 Four in a Bed (R)**

**11.00 The Great House Giveaway** A delivery driver and company owner transform a family home in Middlesbrough. (R)

**12.00noon Channel 4 News**

**12.30 Steph's Packed Lunch**

**2.10 Countdown** Rick Edwards is in Dictionary Corner.

**3.00 A Place in the Sun** Jasmine Harman helps a retired couple with 15 grandchildren to find a new home on Lanzarote. (R)

**4.00 Chateau DIY** Lee installs beams for the upper floor in the new two-bed gîte at Château Mareuil.

**5.00 Moneybags** Craig Charles hosts the quiz show.

**6.00 The Simpsons** Bart is placed on medication. (R)

**6.30 Hollyoaks** Warren is heartbroken when he finds out that his son ran him over. (R)

## Channel 5

**6.00am Milkshake!** Children's TV.

**9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.**

**12.45pm Holiday Homes in the Sun** Amanda Lamb, JB Gill and Sam Pinkham are in and around Bergerac in south-western France.

**1.40 5 News at Lunchtime**

**1.45 Home and Away** Felicity hurls abuse at the police keeping her imprisoned.

**2.15 FILM A Midsummer's Hawaiian Dream** (2016, PG) Two couples go in search of an ancient relic in Hawaii, only to fall under a shaman's love spell. Romantic fantasy comedy, starring Amy Carlson and Charles Shaughnessy. **★★★**

**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** An 82-year-old originally from Wales, who is now a bargain-loving Brit living in Mijas on the Costa del Sol. (R)

**5.00 5 News at 5**

**6.00 Cash in the Attic** Jules Hudson and expert appraiser Jessica Wall are in Cornwall, treasure-hunting with Carolyn and Alastair; 5 News Update



9.30pm, EASTENDERS:  
Kat Slater



8pm, FAKE OR FORTUNE?:  
Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould



11pm, OUR QUEEN:  
THE PEOPLE'S STORIES



9.30pm, FIRST DATES HOTEL:  
Fred Sirieix



8pm, THE YORKSHIRE VET:  
Peter Wright and farmer Will

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**7.00 The Eve Of The Procession To Lying-In-State** Continued live coverage from London.

**7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip** Red Dwarf co-stars Craig Charles and Robert Llewellyn travel around the West Midlands in search of antiques, assisted by experts Izzie Balmer and Tim Medhurst. (R)

**6.10 Regional News; Weather** Headlines affecting the local area.

**6.20 ITV Evening News; Weather** A round-up of the day's news headlines and talking points from the UK and around the world.

**7.00 Channel 4 News** A round-up of the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's leading sports stories and up-to-the-minute weather reports.

**7.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly** Graeme Hall treats a ridgeback-boxer cross that has become aggressive towards other dogs after being attacked, and helps a cancer patient with a badly behaved golden retriever (R); 5 News

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**8.00 Fake or Fortune?** In the final episode of the series Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the origins of a 17th-century painting of Christ having just been brought down from the cross, currently hanging in a Port Glasgow church.

**8.05 Emmerdale** The police show Kim definitive proof that Jamie is alive, and after overhearing Kim talk about her dad, a confused and upset Millie runs away. Mackenzie beats himself up over his affair and he plans on telling Charity the truth.

**8.00 NEW The Great British Bake Off** Noel Fielding and Matt Lucas welcome 12 new contestants into the tent, baking mini cakes and two sponges, including one in the shape of a house close to their hearts.

**8.00 The Yorkshire Vet** Peter Wright rushes to help a pregnant cow that is expecting twins, and farmer Will is worried that neither calf will survive. Julian Norton meets a champion ferret that has an infected foot; 5 News Update

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**9.00 The One Show** Another mix of nationwide reports and live studio-based chat.

**9.30 EastEnders** Kat is less than pleased to see ex-husband Alfie, who begs her not to marry Phil. Billy panics when he learns what Freddie has done and Mick feels helpless trying to help Frankie.

**9.00 All That Glitters: Britain's Next Jewellery Star** Six jewellers are tasked to make a pearl chain necklace and a bespoke charm bracelet, but who will continue their jewellery making journey, and who will be sent home? (R)

**9.05 Charles, The Monarch and the Man** Documentary on King Charles III, the former Prince of Wales who took over as monarch following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday.

**10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather** A fresh perspective on the major stories of the day, featuring national and international news, with reports and analysis from ITV's correspondents.

**9.30 First Dates Hotel Twins** Bethany and Shannon arrive at the Italian hotel, both on the lookout for love. Will either of their dates, Phil and Aaron, win over their respective sister? Meanwhile, Annie is paired with Rachel.

**9.00 The Pyrenees with Michael Portillo** The broadcaster and former politician retraces the route through the Catalonian Pyrenees his father used to flee in 1939 as a political refugee from the Spanish Civil War. Last in series.

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**10.00 BBC News at Ten** Breaking news and analysis from across the UK and around the world.

**10.30 Regional News; Weather** The latest local news, sport and weather reports.

**10.00 Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing** Paul Whitehouse and Bob Mortimer head to the River Exe in Devon, where they fish for summer grilse. (R)

**10.30 Newsnight** Analysis of the day's events, with Kirsty Wark.

**11.00 Our Queen: The People's Stories** Special documentary programme that curates a collection of personal stories about Queen Elizabeth II from her 70 year reign from members of the public and those who met her.

**11.35 Gogglebox** The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week, with cameras capturing their reactions and the lively discussions that are prompted by the week's biggest and best shows. (R)

**11.00 FILM An Officer and a Gentleman** (1982, 15) A Navy recruit has an uneasy romance with a factory worker and is pushed to his limits by a tough sergeant. Romantic drama, starring Richard Gere and Debra Winger. **★★★**

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**11.10pm-6.00am BBC News** Rolling news headlines and topical reports.

**11.15 Martin Compston's Scottish Fling** The actor travels across his homeland with his friend Phil MacHugh. (R)

**11.45 Inside the Factory XL: Diggers** Gregg Wallace and Cherry Healey visit a factory that makes iconic diggers. (R)

**12.00m't Home Shopping** **3.00 Take the Tower.** Dolph Lundgren challenges team captain Kirsty, along with her daughter Lana and nephews Ronnie and Michael, to a series of games inspired by classic action movies. (R)

**3.45 Unwind with ITV** **5.10-6.00am** Ainsley's Mediterranean Cookbook (R)

**12.35am 24 Hours in A&E** **1.30** The Simpsons: double bill (R)

**2.20 FILM The Dressmaker** (2015, 12) Drama based on the novel by Rosalie Ham, starring Kate Winslet and Judy Davis. **★★★**

**4.15 Perfect House, Secret Location** (R)

**5.15-6.10am** The Great Home Transformation (R)

**1.20am Casualty** **24/7: Every Second Counts.** The casualty department is at a standstill. (R)

**2.10 A&E After Dark** (R)

**3.00 Entertainment News** on 5

**3.05 Britain's Favourite Chocolate** (R)

**4.45 Amazing Cakes & Bakes** (R)

**5.30 Peppa Pig** (R)

**5.35 Paw Patrol** (R)

**5.50-6.00am** Fireman Sam (R)

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<b>6.00 Catchphrase Celebrity Special</b> Tim Healy, Mark Wright and Alexandra Mardell guess the phrases in animated clues. <b>7.00 Secret Crush</b> Junior tells Jade he has had a crush on her for the last 10 years. <b>8.00 Bob's Burgers</b> Double bill. Teddy tries to impress his ex-wife; Tina turns to witchcraft when Tammy steals an idea. <b>9.00 Family Guy</b> Animated double bill. <b>10.00 Plebs</b> Comedy double bill. <b>11.00 Family Guy</b> Peter and Quagmire start their own cookery shows. <b>11.30 American Dad!</b> Double bill. <b>12.25am</b> Bob's Burgers <b>1.25</b> All American <b>2.20</b> World's Funniest Videos <b>2.45-3.00am</b> Unwind with ITV		<b>7.00 Buying and Selling</b> The duo help a couple improve their home. <b>8.00 Dinner Date</b> Nadia chooses three blind dates from five potential partners. <b>9.00 Totally Unbelievable</b> A selection of bust-ups between famous people. <b>10.00 Love Island USA</b> The Islanders get handsy during the couple's challenge. <b>11.00 The Real Housewives of Orange County</b> The ladies head to Aspen. Upon arrival, Noella and Heather go head to head over the primary bedroom. <b>12.00m't</b> The Only Way Is Essex <b>12.45-1.00am</b> Unwind with ITV		<b>10.00 The Rap Game UK</b> DJ Target, Krept and Konan hunt for the next big MC to take over the scene. <b>11.00 Ladhood</b> Having secured a promotion, Liam finds himself morally compromised. <b>11.25 This Country</b> Kerry and Kurtan explore the possibility of moving. <b>11.50 The Fast and the Farmer-ish</b>		<b>11.10 Ted Hughes: Stronger Than Death</b> Examining how the poet's life shaped his work, including an interview with his daughter Frieda, as well as testimony from family members, friends and fellow writers. <b>12.40am</b> Sylvia Plath: Inside the Bell Jar. Documentary. <b>1.40</b> The Normans <b>2.10</b> Cities: Nature's New Wild <b>2.40-3.10am</b> The Great British Seaside Holiday - Timeshift		<b>6.00 NCIS</b> Triple bill. A call girl is suspected of murder; an NCIS polygraph specialist comes under suspicion; Tony becomes obsessed with finding a murder victim's sister. <b>9.00 Law &amp; Order: Criminal Intent</b> Double bill. Goren and Eames hunt a killer; Nichols and Wheeler investigate a socialite's murder. <b>11.00 Law &amp; Order: Special Victims Unit</b> Double bill. A polygamist's wife is murdered; a socialite's body is found in Central Park. <b>12.55am</b> Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: triple bill <b>3.30</b> Criminals: Caught on Camera <b>3.55-4.00am</b> Entertainment News on 5			
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## Sport

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am Sky Sports News 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans 10.00 The Football Show 12.00noon Sky Sports News 5.30 **LIVE** Women's International T20 Cricket England v India, from the County Ground in Derby. 7.30 **LIVE** EFL Preston North End v Burnley. 10.30 Soccer Special Post-Match 11.00 Sky Sports News 12.00m't Live: Total Access 1.00 **LIVE** MLS Minnesota United FC v Los Angeles FC (kick-off 1.00am). 3.10 MLS Greatest Games 3.15-6.00am Sky Sports News

### SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am How the 2009 ICC World Twenty20 Was Won 8.00 Talking Cricket 8.30 Best of KP 10.00 Test Cricket 1.00pm Women's International T20 Cricket 5.00 My Icon 5.10 Best of England v South Africa 5.30 **LIVE** Women's International T20 Cricket England v India, from the County Ground in Derby. 9.30 Test Cricket Bitesize 9.45 Test Cricket Bitesize 10.00 Test Cricket Bitesize 10.15 Shaun Pollock: Bowling Masterclass 10.45 Best of England v South Africa 11.10 Best of England v South Africa 11.30 Talking Cricket 12.00m't Women's International T20 Cricket 4.00 Captain's Log 5.00 Best of the Women's World T20 5.15-6.00am Best of the ICC Women's World Cup

### SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am Championship Retro 8.30 EFL Greatest Games 9.00 SPFL Greatest Games 9.30 EFL Greatest Games 10.00 EFL Cup Retro 12.00noon Lionesses Special: Their Story 1.00 Bundesliga Highlights Show 2.00 EFL 4.00 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special 4.30 MLS Round-Up Show 5.00 EFL Greatest Games 5.30 Lionesses Special: Their Story 6.30 MLS Round-Up Show 7.00 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special 7.30 **LIVE** EFL Preston North End v Burnley. 10.30 Lionesses Special: Their Story 11.30 Inside The WSL: Beth Mead Special 12.00m't Championship Season Review 1.00 **LIVE** MLS Minnesota United FC v Los Angeles FC (kick-off 1.00am). 3.10 MLS Greatest Games 3.15 Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape 3.45 EFL Greatest Games 4.00-6.00am EFL Cup Retro

### BT SPORT 1

6.00am UEFA Europa League Goals Reload 6.45 UEFA Champions League Goals Reload 7.00 UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine 8.00 Goals Reload 8.15 Premiership Rugby Highlights 9.45 Rugby Tonight 10.30 BT Sport Goals Reload 10.45 UEFA Champions League Goals Reload 11.00 **LIVE** UEFA Youth League Sporting Lisbon U19 v Tottenham Hotspur U19 (kick-off 11.00am). 1.00pm ESPN FC 1.30 UEFA Europa League & Conference League 2.30 Joe Cole Cast 3.00 **LIVE** UEFA Youth League Liverpool U19 v Ajax U19 (kick-off 3.00pm). 5.00 ESPN FC. The latest footballing action. 5.30 **LIVE** UEFA Champions League Viktoria Plzen v Inter Milan (kick-off 5.45pm). 7.45 UCL Goals 10.15 BT Sport Films 11.15 Goals Reload 11.30 Premiership Rugby Highlights 1.00am **LIVE** WWE NXT Wrestling action. 3.15 Ligue 1 Highlights 4.15 Classic Ligue 1 5.45-6.00am What I Wore

### BT SPORT 2

6.00am One Day International Cricket 7.00 WRC Review 8.00 World Padel Tour 10.00 Canadian Premier League 2.00pm 30 for 30 3.00 30 for 30 4.00 UEFA Champions League Magazine 4.30 World Padel Tour 6.30 Joe Cole Cast 7.00 **LIVE** UEFA Champions League Liverpool v Ajax (kick-off 8.00pm). 10.30 UEFA Champions League Tonight 11.30 Joe Cole Cast 12.00m't **LIVE** MLB Boston Red Sox v New York Yankees (start time 12.10am). 3.30 Kite Masters 4.00 One Day International Cricket 5.00-6.00am UEFA Europa League & Conference League Magazine

### EUROSPORT 1

6.00am Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 7.00 Tennis: Best of the Australian Open 8.00 Roland-Garros – Best of 2022 9.00 Athletics 10.30 Cycling: Tour of Romania 11.00 72: A Gathering of Champions 1.00pm Cycling: Vuelta a Espana 2.00 **LIVE** Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg 4.05 Cycling: Montreal Grand Prix 4.30 **LIVE** Cycling: Tour of Slovakia Stage one. 6.00 Cycling: Tour of Romania 7.00 Sailing: Spirit of Yachting 7.30 Speedway Grand Prix 8.30 FIA World Endurance Championship 9.30 Show Jumping 10.30 Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg 11.30 Cycling: Tour of Slovakia 12.30am Sailing: Spirit of Yachting 1.00 Hall of Fame – Athens 2004 2.00 Cycling: Tour of Slovakia 3.00 Cycling: Tour of Luxembourg 4.00-6.00am Speedway Grand Prix

### BEST OF THE REST – LIVE SPORT

2.00-4.00am **LIVE** WNBA Las Vegas Aces v Connecticut Sun. (Sky Sports Arena)

**\*All schedules correct at the time of print**

## Entertainment & Factual

### ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Coronation Street 7.00 Classic Emmerdale 8.05 That's My Boy 9.15 The Royal 11.30 Heartbeat 1.40pm Classic Emmerdale 2.45 Classic Coronation Street 3.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 6.00 Heartbeat 8.00 Martin Clunes: Islands of the Pacific 9.00 Midsomer Murders 11.00 Professor T 1.10am The Royal 2.10-2.30am Unwind

### ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 6.55 The Saint 7.55 Magnum, PI 8.55 The Sweeney 10.00 Minder 11.10 The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes 12.20pm The Saint 1.30 Match Time Revisited 2.35 Magnum, PI 3.35 The Sweeney 4.45 Minder 5.55 Match Time Revisited 7.00 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? 8.00 World Superbike Highlights 9.00 **FILM** Creed II (2018/12) ★★★★ 11.40 All Elite Wrestling: Rampage 12.50am Auto Mundial 1.20 Motorsport Mundial 1.45-2.40am The Sweeney

### 5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Entertainment News on 5 8.05 Judge Judy 11.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun 12.00noon Shoplifters & Scammers: At War with the Law 1.00 Traffic Cops 2.00 Police Interceptors 5.00 Dogs with Extraordinary Friends 6.00 Home and Away 7.00 Caught on Camera: Funniest Moments 8.00 999: Criminals Caught on Camera 9.00 Bargain Brits on Benefits 10.00 999: Emergency Call Out 11.00 999: Critical Condition 12.00m't Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts 1.00 Killer at the Crime Scene 2.00-4.00am Judge Judy

### REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea 7.00 Cruise TV with LoveitBookit 8.00 Saving Lives at Sea 9.00 The Repair Shop 10.00 Antiques Road Trip 12.00noon Money for Nothing 1.00 The Hotel Inspector 2.00 Animal Cops Houston 4.00 Dr Jeff: Rocky Mountain Vet 5.00 Ambulance 6.00 Money for Nothing 7.00 Antiques Road Trip 9.00 The Great British Sewing Bee 10.00 The Great British Sewing Bee Final 11.00 Ghost Adventures 12.00m't Portals to Hell 1.00 Ghost Adventures 2.00-4.00am Teleshopping

### 5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera 9.25 Entertainment News on 5 9.40 Traffic Cops 10.40 Police Interceptors 11.45 **FILM** They Came to Cordura (1959/PG) ★★★★ 2.20 **FILM** The Guns of Fort Petticoat (1957/PG) ★★★ 4.00 Trucking Hell 5.00 Traffic Cops 6.00 Police Interceptors 9.00 Police: Hour of Duty 10.00 The Motorway 11.00 Fights, Camera, Action! 12.00m't Criminals: Caught on Camera 1.00 Fights, Camera, Action! 2.00 Trucking Hell: Extreme Road Rescue 3.00 I Survived a Sinkhole 3.50 101 Events That Made the 20th Century 4.50-5.00am Entertainment News

### SKY ARTS Freeview 11

6.00am Reinventing the Orchestra with Charles Hazlewood 6.55 Romeo and Juliet 9.00 Tales of the Unexpected 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.00 Discovering: Shirley MacLaine 12.00noon Vermeer from the National Gallery, London 1.00 Tales of



**The 74th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards**  
Sky Max, 10pm  
Kenan Thompson (left) hosts the ceremony at the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, with Succession, Ted Lasso and The White Lotus leading the nominations.

### the Unexpected 2.00 The Art of Architecture

3.00 Portrait Artist of the Year 2014 4.00 Discovering 5.00 Tales of the Unexpected 6.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 7.00 Discovering: Elizabeth Taylor 8.00 Cezanne: Portraits of a Life 9.00 I, Claude Monet 10.00 Catherine the Great 11.10 The South Bank Show 12.45am The Directors 1.45 Les Dawson's Parisienne Adventure: Urban Myths 2.15 Joan Rivers and Barbra Streisand: Urban Myths 2.45 **FILM** Jerry Lewis: The Man Behind the Clown (2016/PG) ★★★★ 4.00-5.00am Discovering

### GOLD

7.20am Keeping Up Appearances 7.50 Outnumbered 8.25 2point4 Children 9.00 Hi-de-Hi! 9.35 Still Open All Hours 10.15 Last of the Summer Wine 11.30 Desmond's 12.05pm 2point4 Children 12.40 Dad's Army 1.20 Outnumbered 2.00 Keeping Up Appearances 2.40 Last of the Summer Wine 4.00 Dad's Army 4.40 Still Open All Hours 5.20 Keeping Up Appearances 6.00 Hi-de-Hi! 6.40 Dad's Army 8.00 Only Fools and Horses 8.40 Murder, They Hope 9.40 Bottom 11.00 This Time with Alan Partridge 11.40 Billy Connolly Does.. 12.40am Peep Show 1.50 Murder, They Hope 2.50-4.00am Bottom

### YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.00am Warbird Workshop 8.00 Abandoned Engineering 9.00 The World at War 10.00 War Factories 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00noon The Architecture the Railways Built 1.00 Bangers and Cash 2.00 Abandoned Engineering 4.00 War Factories 5.00 The World at War 6.00 The Architecture the Railways Built 7.00 Abandoned Engineering 8.00 Train Truckers 9.00 Bangers and Cash 11.00 Abandoned Engineering 12.00m't The Architecture the Railways Built 1.00-3.00am Warbird Workshop

### ALIBI

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 10.00 Unforgettable 11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 12.00noon Death in Paradise 1.00 Father Brown 2.00 Murdoch Mysteries 4.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 5.00 Unforgettable 6.00 Major Crimes 7.00 Rizzoli & Isles 8.00 Death in Paradise 9.00 The Game 10.15 Death in Paradise 11.15 Murdoch Mysteries 12.15am The Doctor Blake Mysteries 1.10-2.10am Father Brown

### SKY MAX

6.00am Stargate SG-1 8.00 The Flash 9.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow 10.00 Supergirl

### Radio

#### BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat 7.00 Radio 1 Breakfast with Greg James 10.30 Newsbeat 10.32 Rickie, Melvin and Charlie 12.00noon Radio 1's Live Lounge 12.45 Newsbeat 1.00 Dean and Vicky 3.30 Newsbeat 3.32 Going Home with Jordan 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Future Sounds with Clara Amfo 8.00 Future Artists with Jack Saunders 10.00 Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri 11.00 Annie Nightingale Presents 1.00am Live at Reading + Leeds 2022: The 1975 1.30 Live at Reading + Leeds 2022: The 1975 2.00 Get Set with Radio 1 3.00 Charli XCX's Best Song Ever 3.30 Charli XCX's Best Song Ever 4.00 Radio 1 Dance 5.00-6.57am Breakfast with Arielle Free

#### BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00noon Jeremy Vine 2.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.00 Sara Cox 6.30 Sara Cox's Half Wower 7.00 Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist 7.30 Jo Whiley 9.00 Remembering Our Queen 10.00 Trevor Nelson's Magnificent 7 10.30 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation 12.00m't OJ Borg 3.00 Pick of the Pops 4.00-6.30am Early Breakfast Show

#### BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast 9.00 Essential Classics 12.00noon Composer of the Week: Bruckner 1.00 Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert 2.00 Afternoon Concert 5.00 In Tune 7.00 In Tune Mixtape 7.30 In Concert

#### CHOICE

##### Icon

##### Radio 4, 11.30am

This new series reveals how celebrity culture has changed during the past 70 years by charting the story of one star – Elizabeth Taylor. As the opener reveals, she was unprepared for the furore that occurred when she and Richard Burton were snapped in an embrace while filming Cleopatra in 1962.

10.00 Free Thinking 10.45 The Essay: Sign Language Is My Language 11.00 Night Tracks 12.30-6.30am Through the Night

#### BBC RADIO 4

FM 94.4-94.6MHz, LW 198kHz 6.00am Breakfast with Claire Summers 8.30 Jason Mohammad 11.00 Wynne Evans 2.00pm Nihal Arthanayake 4.00 5 Live Drive 5.30pm 5.43 Prayer for the Day 5.45 Farming Today 5.58-6.00am Tweet of the Day

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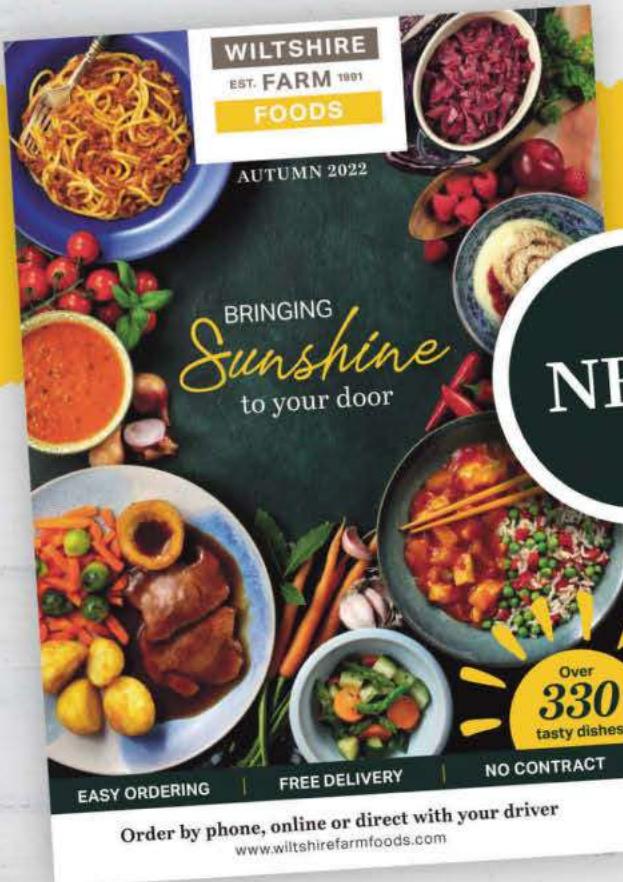
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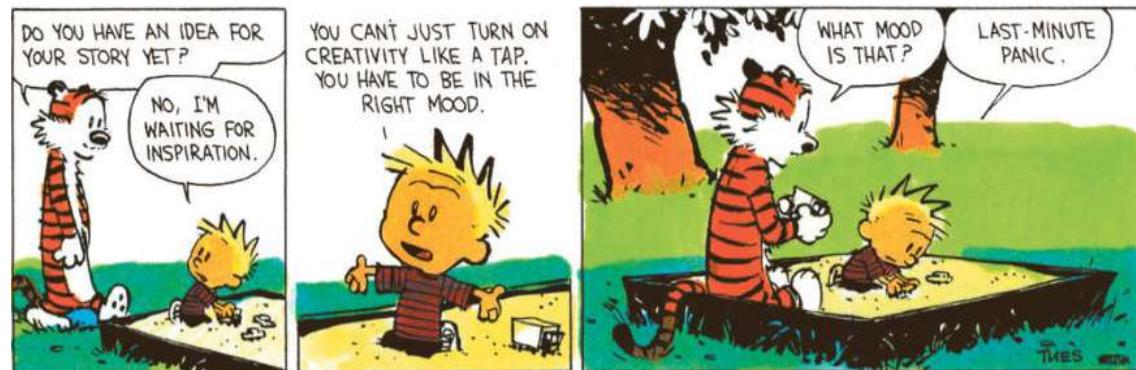
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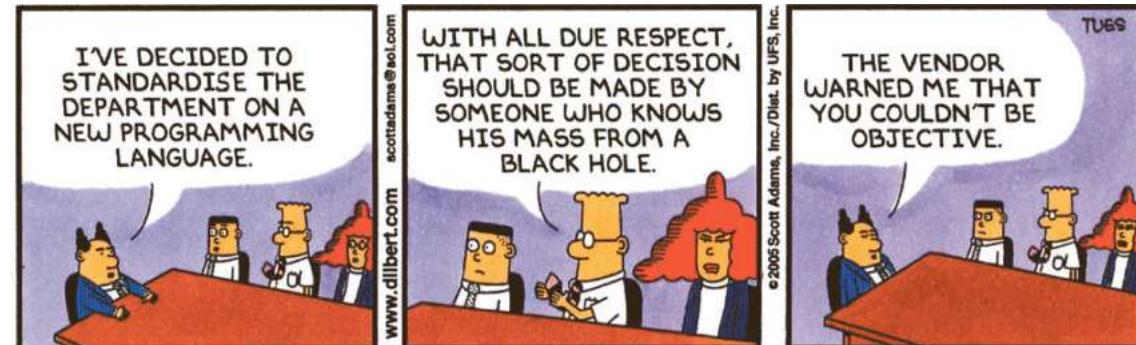
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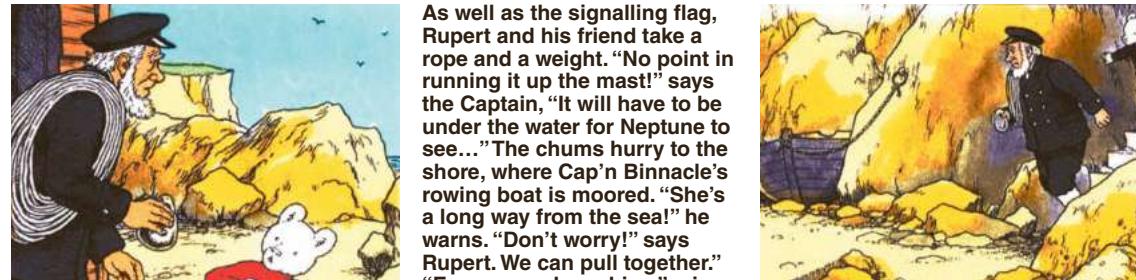
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## RUPERT AND THE WHALE No 18



"We'll need a lead weight and some rope. This coil should be enough, I hope!"

As well as the signalling flag, Rupert and his friend take a rope and a weight. "No point in running it up the mast!" says the Captain, "It will have to be under the water for Neptune to see..." The chums hurry to the shore, where Cap'n Binnacle's rowing boat is moored. "She's a long way from the seal!" he warns. "Don't worry!" says Rupert. We can pull together." "Emergency launching," cries the Captain. "Full speed ahead!"

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The pair climb down some steps to reach a dingy, moored down by the beach.

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### Mince and potato hotspot

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Beef or lamb mince can be used for the meat base. Serves 6.

#### INGREDIENTS

1kg potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

1 tbsp olive oil

500g mince

1 onion, chopped

1 tbsp tomato purée

1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

Salt and pepper to taste

50g butter

4 tbsps plain flour

475ml milk

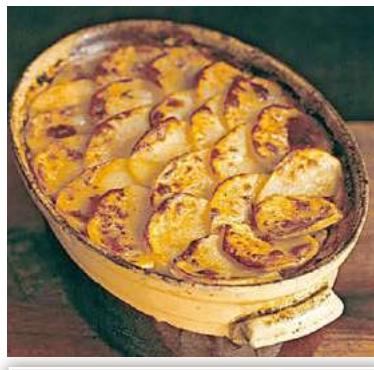
125g grated Cheddar cheese

175g tinned mushrooms, drained

50g butter

#### METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 180C. Place potato slices in a medium bowl with enough water to cover.
- Heat the oil in a saucepan over a medium heat. Stir in mince, onion, tomato purée and Worcestershire sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Cook until mince is evenly browned and onions are tender.
- In a separate saucepan over medium heat, melt 50g butter and thoroughly blend in flour. Gradually stir in milk. Cook and stir for 5 minutes, or until thickened. Reduce heat and blend Cheddar cheese into the mixture. Season to taste.
- Line a medium baking dish with half the potato slices. Pour in the mince mixture, and top with mushrooms. Cover with the cheese sauce mixture. Top with the rest of the potatoes. Dot the dish with knobs of the remaining 50g butter.
- Bake in a preheated oven for 30 to 40 minutes, until lightly browned.



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## Russell Grant



Britain's  
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### Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

It doesn't matter what you are doing, you are doing this with love and some good will come of it. If anyone needs your help you will be amazingly close at hand whenever they might want you and they will be showing their gratitude too.

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### Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

Others in the workplace will step back in amazement as you volunteer to do a job others have been trying to avoid. It needs to be done and since your aim is to get results, you won't be disappointed. You have never shirked your responsibilities.

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### Gemini May 22 - June 21

After being in a leading position you drop back behind the scenes. You are starting to notice where people and efforts are scattered. You are still in control but from a different place. People are sitting up and are waiting for your next decisions.

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### Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

It won't be easy to sneak away from your usual scene even though you are hoping to do a friend a favour. A partner will suspect you are up to something when in fact you are trying to protect someone who needs your support.

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### Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Someone close is feeling down. You might regret asking what's wrong. They may be annoyed with you and they've been waiting for this opportunity to complain. It might be better to leave them to sulk without making any comment.

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### Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

When you have your day all decided beforehand and there are more than a dozen things you are hoping to get through, you will do well to keep your head down. Others will not be quite as keen to get going on some jobs as you are.

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You're on a winning streak. A new job, new home or new relationship will change your focus. You feel optimistic for the future. Don't let your good fortune fill you with guilt. Instead, accept and celebrate how well everything is going.

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### Leo July 24 - Aug 23

The focus is on your family. You will be tied up in commitments that involve a sibling or close relative. Your intuition will come in extra useful when you will quickly sense when someone is trying to bluff their way out of an awkward situation.

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### Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

You aren't likely to feel any enthusiasm for plans that take you away from your routine. You don't mind being busy. What you aren't in the mood for is to run here, there and everywhere, with nothing at all to show for your effort.

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### Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 20

Stay positive. It will be a cheerful attitude, bright spirit and friendliness that will attract good fortune. If you find yourself thinking negative thoughts, replace each one with something more helpful. Keep telling yourself you can achieve your goals.

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### Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Participation in a charitable project will bring joy. You are making a difference. Your determination to succeed in a team effort will inspire others to follow. Your leadership qualities shine. Results achieved make this worth everyone's while.

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### Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

An older relative will be urged to make a decision regarding an issue that is dividing the household. They can't keep sitting on the fence. Controversy in the family will have something to do with future plans when people are either in or out.

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"My family saw me suffer over the years"

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# Letters

## Queen's final days were spent at spiritual home

IT WAS fitting our beloved Queen saw out her last days in the place she loved most ("Final goodbye to Balmoral, her Scottish 'happy place'", September 12).

It allowed her loyal Balmoral staff to say their goodbyes and gave the Scottish public an opportunity to pay their respects as her cortège journeyed to Edinburgh.

The closeness between our two countries has been plain to see over the last few days. Let us hope it continues for the duration of King Charles III's reign and Scotland says no to independence.

Liz Sheppardson,  
Goring-by-Sea, W Sussex

## Huge respect to beautiful and proper rural tribute

THE Queen loved the countryside and its people so it was a fitting tribute to her that the farmers and horse riders in Aberdeenshire paid by displaying their tractors and horses along the route of the cortège to pay their last respects.

Colin Humphries,  
Ringwood, Hants

## A blooming great idea to donate to charity instead

INSTEAD of leaving flowers as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II wouldn't it be nicer to attach a pretty label to the fence showing a donation to charity ("Nation's love in a sea of blooms", September 12)?

Peggy Reeves,  
Christchurch, Dorset

## Our whole nation has been shaken to its foundations

THANK heavens for the reign of Queen Elizabeth II; she was the rock upon which modern Britain and the Commonwealth was built.

By just being there she provided leadership and gave stability to Britain when it needed it most.

Whenever she greeted someone her genuine smile said, "I'm delighted to see you." Nothing will ever be the same again.

Colin Judge,  
Poynton, Cheshire

## A light has gone out just when we needed it most

AS I have watched the many TV programmes going back over our dear Queen's life, with her sudden passing it's like the stars have been turned off and someone has said we don't need them any more. But we do and we will miss her.

Sally Ide,  
Epsom Downs, Surrey

## Gilt-edged chance to pay respects goes begging

PETER Crouch is right, the football authorities should have allowed all matches to have gone ahead ("Football falls silent", September 10). Thousands of supporters would have stood shoulder to shoulder and sung the national anthem for the last time to our great Queen.

It would have been a very moving and a lasting tribute to Her Majesty.

Ron McCartney,  
Tonbridge, Kent

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**TODAY: Tuesday**  
**September 13, 2022**

## ON THIS DAY



**60 years ago (1962)**  
Our front page reported that the question of whether Britain should enter the Common Market must be put to the people.

Tory Prime Minister Harold Macmillan and negotiator Edward Heath were both in favour of closer economic ties with Europe as Britain reassessed its international position in the post-war world.

But it would be another decade before the UK joined the EEC.

**69 years ago (1953)**  
In the Soviet Union, Nikita Khrushchev was appointed General Secretary of the Communist Party after a power struggle following the death of leader Joseph Stalin from a stroke the previous March. Three years after winning power, Khrushchev denounced his predecessor's brutal purges and foreign policy.

**29 years ago (1993)**  
Israel's PM Yitzhak Rabin shook hands with Palestine Liberation Organisation leader Yasser Arafat on the White House lawn after signing the Oslo Accords giving Palestine limited autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza. It was hailed as a landmark moment but in reality had minimal impact on peace in the region.

## BIRTHDAYS



One Direction star Niall Horan is 29. He has a fear of pigeons.



Mare Of Easttown actress Jean Smart is 71. She wanted to be a vet.



Fashion guru Stella McCartney turns 51. She never uses leather or fur in her designs.



Bullitt actress Jacqueline Bisset is 78. She is Angelina Jolie's godmother.

## Display of dignity proves that we're in safe hands

HAVING watched the Proclamation of King Charles III, he handled the procedure with the classic dignity that we would expect from him and showed what a magnificent new King he will be. Long live the King.

Ian Fuller,  
Harrogate, N Yorks



FAMILY: The brothers meet well-wishers at Windsor Castle

## Letter of the day

# Wonderful to see Princes united again

THE whole nation is devastated to have lost our beloved Queen Elizabeth II. But how proud she would be if she could have seen Princes William and Harry, together with their wives, celebrating her life at Windsor with the thousands of people who turned up to pay their respects ("William pledges to serve Principality with 'humility'", September 12).

It was a sight for sore eyes and very emotional and long may their bond last. We have Princess Diana to thank for bringing up two fine boys both with a lovely personality and we should not forget that.

The Queen set a good example to the whole nation with her leadership and kindness that is going on through to her grandsons.

Jean Angus,  
Stanford-le-Hope, Essex

## Sorry Peter, you're wide of the mark on this one

PETER Crouch says he knows football is only a game and some things are much bigger. If he believes that then why can't he recognise the massive respectful response of the nation?

Thousands of people, including football fans, turned out around the country to express their grief at the passing of a great lady.

Chris Hyland,  
Northampton

## A minute's silence at the football would be golden

I HOPE that when the time comes football fans will respectfully observe a minute's silence for the Queen and not perform that idiotic one minute's applause.

Alex Owen,  
Coventry

## Monarch would've wanted all our sport to carry on

CANCELLING the weekend's football as a mark of respect for the Queen was a big mistake.

A minute's silence, followed by the singing of the national anthem, would have been a better tribute.

I cannot believe the Queen would

have approved. She would have liked her subjects to enjoy their sport. The England v South Africa Test tribute was moving when the players lined up for a minute's silence, followed by the national anthems and the crowd joining in.

Carole Hicks,  
Wisbech, Cambs

## 'Reignbow' illuminates the passing of a unique figure

IT HAS been said by many our late Queen Elizabeth II had a wonderful sense of humour. I would suggest that the rainbow that appeared following her death should be renamed "her reignbow". It may have amused her ("God's rainbow a fitting display for amazing lady", September 12).

John Watson,  
Lytham St Annes, Lancs

## When young Sea Scouts were treated like royalty

INTHE 1950s when I was a young Sea Scout, a friend and I decided to try bob-a-jobbing in nearby Kensington. We were successful and many people invited us back.

When our parents were going through all the bob-a-job cards, my grandmother noticed some were signed by the Queen Mother.

We didn't have TV in those days

so I would not have recognised the wonderful old lady with a walking stick who got her staff to look after us with all the food and drink we wanted, including the first ice cream I had ever tasted.

This care of the people must be a family thing which was handed down to our late Queen. I really hope this will continue forever.

Alan Kebbell,  
Southampton

## King Charles has to get a grip on Harry and Meghan

IF KING Charles III allows Harry and Meghan back into royal duties, while keeping their commercial activities going, it will be the beginning of the end of the Royal Family ("How Charles will mould the monarchy for the modern era", September 10).

Peter Morgan,  
Shrewsbury, Salop

## Will you be watching the Great British Bake Off tonight?

### Yes

IT IS the best show on TV and will allow everyone, just for a little while, to enjoy ourselves again ("It's back... the competition is bread hot", September 12).

It has become a tradition that everyone in our house gathers around the TV with a slice of cake and a pot

of tea every Tuesday night to watch.

Even though our daughters are away at university, we'll still watch it "together", all with a slice of something nice.

There's something so wholesome about Bake Off. It's unmissable TV.

Alex Clarke,  
Lincoln

### No

DON'T get me wrong, I like Noel Fielding and Matt Lucas, The Mighty Boosh and Little Britain are wonderful comedy shows.

But I just can't see the attraction of watching someone bake a cake on TV. It's not like you can smell it or eat it.

To be honest, I think

I'd get more out of watching my washing drying on the line, at least I'd get something out of it.

The BBC was right to bow out a few years ago to let Channel 4 have a go with it. I'd begrudge paying my licence fee to fund this programme.

Sam Tucker,  
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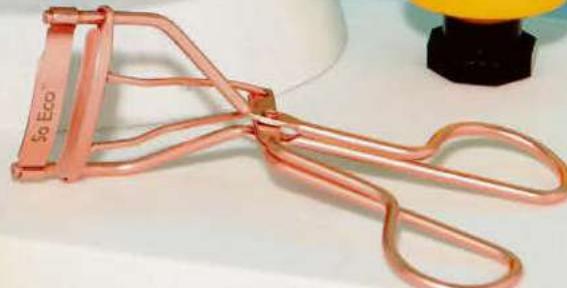
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Shares Traded	6239.9 million	

### POPULAR SHARES ON THE RISE

Abdn	154 3/4	+3 1/2
AstraZeneca	10622	+122
Aviva	444 3/4	+1 3/4
BAE Systems	790 1/2	+6 1/4
Barclays	174	+5
BP	457 3/4	+7
BT Group	144 1/2	+4 1/2
Centrica	87 1/4	+1/4
GSK	1377 1/2	+29
HSBC Holdings	536	+11
Int Consolidated Airlines	113	+2
Lloyds Banking Group	47	+1
Marks & Spencer Group	126 3/4	+9
National Grid	1078	+7
NATWEST GROUP	269 1/2	+8 3/4
Rolls-Royce Holdings	80 3/4	+2 1/4
Royal Mail	267 3/4	+8 3/4
Saga	164	+1
Sainsbury (J)	213 1/2	+10 3/4
Shell	2321 1/2	+21 1/2
Tesco	253	+13 3/4
Unilever	4020 1/2	+67 1/2
Vodafone Group	110 1/2	+2
Whitbread	2673	+71

### WORLD MARKETS

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Yen	166.652	▲ +1.375
Euro	1.155	▲ +0.001

### DOLLAR VALUE

Dollar/Yen	142.363	▼ -0.2753
Dollar/Euro	0.987	▼ -0.0088

### COMMODITIES

GOLD(\$)	1729.80	
KRUGERRAND(£)	1478.45	
SILVER(pence)	1694.25	
BRENT CRUDE(\$)	94.06	

### OTHER INDICATORS

Base rate	1.75%	
Halifax mortgage rate	3.71%	
Retail Price Index	+12.3% (CPI +10.1%)	
House price Index	+7.8%	
Unemployment	1,294,000	

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Hong Kong	8.57 dollar
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Russia	69.73 ruble
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South Africa	19.23 rand
Sweden	11.69 krona
Switzerland	1.08 franc
Thailand	39.92 baht
Turkey	19.71 lira
United States	1.14 dollar

# Serco boss quits after £30m earnings in just eight years

THE boss of outsourcing giant Serco is to leave – after raking in more than £30million in pay and perks.

Rupert Soames, the grandson of former Conservative Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill, will retire next September. Mr Soames said: "It has been the privilege of my working life to lead Serco for the last eight years, but it is now time for me to outsource myself."

The 63-year-old took over as chief executive in 2014 in the wake of an offender electronic tagging scandal.

He is credited with turning around the firm's fortunes and was at the helm during the pandemic, when Serco benefited from being one of the test-and-trace programme suppliers. But the company faced criticism over its poor record on tracking down people who had been in contact with others infected with the virus.

Mr Soames insisted last year he was "proud" of the role the company played in building and running the Covid-19 testing infrastructure.

Serco has a host of contracts across the government, from the Ministry of Defence to the NHS and running immigration detention centres. Mr Soames

By **Graham Hiscott**

will step down as both chief executive and from the board at the end of December this year. He will stay on as a strategic adviser until next September.

Since becoming CEO in 2014, Mr Soames has received more than £28million in salary, bonuses and other payments – including £4million last year.

Given his salary is £850,000, his notice period and the opportunity to rake in further bonuses, his total earnings since joining are likely to top £30million. He owns shares worth nearly £11million.

News of Mr Soames' departure saw Serco's share price fall sharply yesterday by 12.2p to 168p. He will be replaced by Mark Irwin, a private equity veteran who has been at the company since 2013.

Chairman John Rishton praised Mr Soames, saying: "Serco is unrecognisable from the business that he joined in 2014.

"Under his leadership, the business was stabilised, a clear strategy developed and executed, which has resulted in the strong and successful business it is today. Rupert should be really proud of what he has achieved."



LEAVING: Boss Rupert Soames

## FRASERS GROUP CHIEF'S SELL-OFF PLANS



FOOTFALL: Murray, inset, runs Sport Direct as part of his empire

THE new boss of Sports Direct owner Frasers has hinted it will sell more offshoots, after the firm was linked with a possible bid for historic tailor Gieves & Hawkes.

Michael Murray, who became chief executive in May, said: "If it doesn't fit into sport, premium or luxury or add value to our ecosystem or platform...we won't be buying it."

Murray, whose wife is the daughter of Frasers' founder Mike Ashley, has sold stakes in at least two businesses since his promotion. He says the group is looking to build bridges with the City following criticism about its corporate governance.

Other suitors to buy 250-year-old Savile Row tailor Gieves & Hawkes are expected to place revised bids this week.

## Bills crisis pensioners back at work

THE number of working pensioners has hit an all-time high of just under 1.47million.

They jumped by 173,000 in the three months to the end of June, the Office for National Statistics said.

The rise was driven by people aged 65 and over doing part-time

work – either employed or working for themselves. Experts speculate the cost-of-living crisis may be forcing some older people to get jobs.

The ONS said: "In April to June, those aged 65 years and over in employment worked an average of 21.7 hours per week."

## Inflation freeze for Electrolux

HOME appliances giant Electrolux issued a profit warning yesterday as inflation hit demand for its products.

The Swedish company responded with a wave of cost cutting.

Electrolux is Europe's biggest white goods firm, selling around 60 million fridges, freezers, ovens,

cookers etc every year. It also owns the AEG and Frigidaire brands.

The company said: "Third quarter earnings for the group are expected to decline significantly."

It will focus on "eliminating cost inefficiencies in our supply chain and production".

## MARKET REPORT

STOCKS heavily exposed to consumer spending were among the big risers on the FTSE 100 yesterday – despite official figures confirming the economy barely grew in July.

B&Q owner Kingfisher topped the list of gainers, rising 6.1 per cent – 14.8p – to 256.9p.

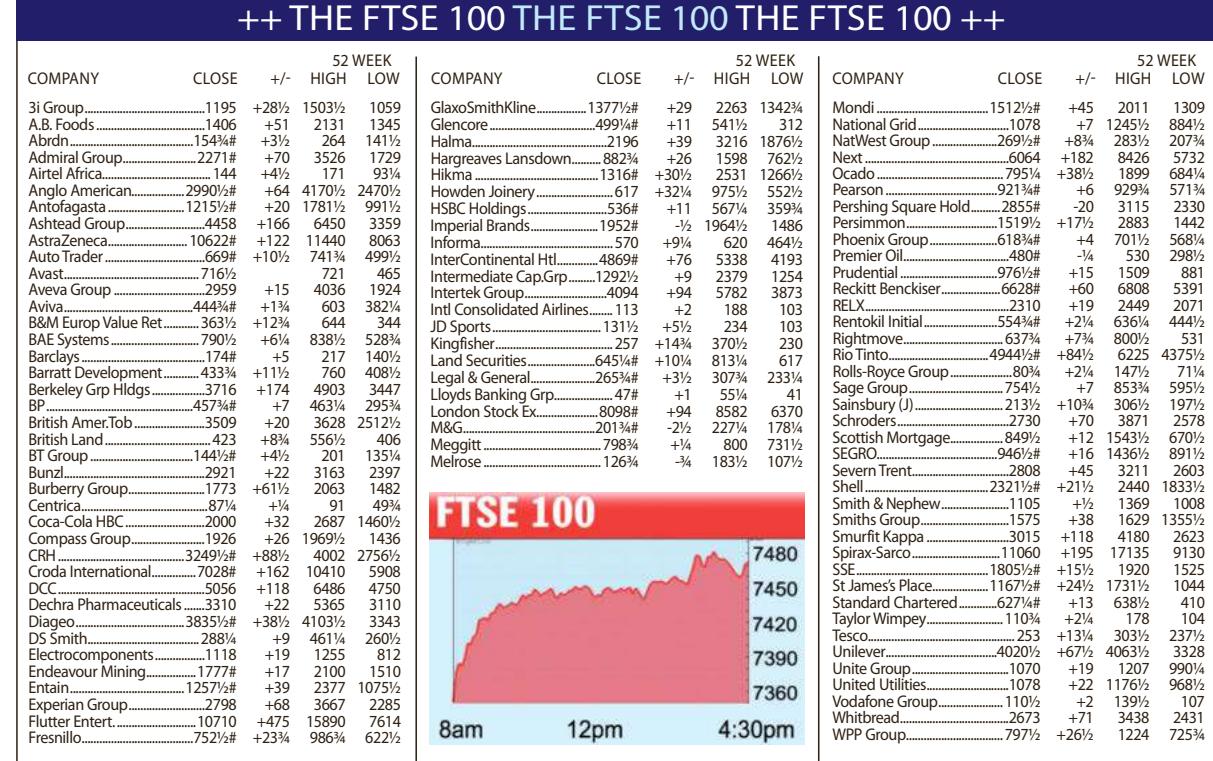
It was followed by kitchen maker Howden Joinery Group (up 32.2p to 617p), Tesco (up 13.2p at 253.1p), J Sainsbury (up 10.8p at 213.4p) and Ocado Group (up 38.4p at 795.2p).

Just four blue chip stocks fell, including Melrose Industries (down 0.5 per cent at 126.65p).

British Gas owner Centrica edged up to 87.14p, after boss Chris O'Shea said on Saturday it was planning to voluntarily cap profits to cut household bills.

On the FTSE 250, Serco was the biggest faller, down 12.2p – nearly 6.8 per cent – at 168p, after the retirement of chief executive Rupert Soames was announced.

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COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW
Aerospace & Defence				
Avon Rubber	.930%	+1	2106	739
Babcock International	.324%	+4%	3804	295
BAE Systems	.790%	+6%	8381	528%
Chemring Group	.302%	+3	3671	256
Meggitt	.798%	+1%	800	731%
QinetiQ Group	.338	+4	3941	243
Rolls-Royce Group	.80%	+2%	1471	71%
Senior	.133	+1%	1721	113%
Alternative Energy				
Porvari	.536	+6	772	510
Banks				
Barclays	.174#	+5	217	140%
Boo Santander	.231	+1%	291	193%
Close Brothers	.1061	+29	1575	987
CYBG	.156%	+2%	218	124%
HSBC Holdings	.5361	+11	5671	359%
Investec	.414%	+9%	5361	275%
Lloyds Banking Grp	.47#	+1	551	41
Metro Bank	.91	+2	133	70%
NatWest Group	.2691#	+8%	2831	207%
Standard Chartered	.6271#	+13	6381	410
Beverages				
Barr (AG)	.517	+6	588	466
Britvic	.803	+19	950	741
Coca-Cola HBC	.2000	+32	2687	1460%
Diageo	.38351#	+381%	41031%	3343
Chemicals				
Carclo	.18%	-3%	441	18
Croda International	.7028#	+162	10410	5908
Elementis	.113%	+4	1571	97
Johnson Matthey	.2055	+47	2856	1721
Synthomer	.192%	+1%	5241	182
Treatt	.630	+33	1315	507
Victrex	.1820	+43	2600	1590
Construction & Materials				
Balfour Beatty	.340%	+6%	342	215%
Clarke T.	.143#	+6	183	118%
CRH	.32491#	+88%	4002	2756%
Diaglight	.242%	-1	380	233
Galliford Try	.157	+2	2061	1491%
Gleeson (MJ)	.457	+17	850	440
Keller Group	.750	+48	1028	658%
Kier Group	.751#	+2%	1251	68
Kingspan Grp	.52691#	+11%	9265	4535%
Marshalls	.340	+13%	816	319
Morgan Sindall	.1730	+60	2600	1598
Severfield-Rowen	.571#	+1%	81	55%
Smart (J) & Co.	.1601#	+161%	1282%	211
Tyman	.224%	+5%	4441	121
Electricity				
Drax Group	.750#	+1%	8312	412%
SSE	.18051#	+15%	1920	1525
Electronic & Electrical Equipment				
Acal	.785	+31	1262	597
Halma	.2196	+39	3216	1876%
Morgan Crucible	.255%	+8	4121	241%
Oxford Instruments	.2165	+55	2665	1760
Renishaw	.3594	+46	5500	3444
Spectris	.2940	+30	4083	2458
TT Electronics	.1671	+8%	290	143
XP Power	.1968#	+48	5540	1798
Equity Investment Instruments				
Aberdeen All Asia	.580	+12%	820	530
Aberdeen Asian Smi	.260#	-4	303	245%
Aberforth SmiCo	.1224	+16	1572	1144
Acorn Income				
Advance Devlp Fund	.576	+6	732	514
Albion Tech & Gen. VCT	.76	78	741%	
Albion VCT	.49	56	47%	
Alliance Trust	.1002#	+11	1078	887
Artemis Alpha	.310	+6	443	292%
Aurora Inv.Tst	.203	+15%	250	186
AVI Global Tst	.1911#	+3	1110	172
Baillie Gifford Japan	.754	+1106	662	
Baillie Gifford Shin Nip	.268	131%		
Bankers Inv.Tst	.104%	+2%	125	95%
Baronsmead VCT.2	.61%	79%	60%	
BH Macro GBP	.4690	-180	4879	3470
Biotech Growth Trust	.1022	-24	1252	753
BlackRock Mining	.632#	+26	792	502
Blue Planet Intl Tst	.111%	28%	9	
BlueCrest AllBlue	.233	-7	2801	224
BluePhone AIM VCT2	.33	37	33	
British Assets Tst	.98%	+1%	1031	95
Brunner Inv.Tst	.996#	+4	1130	933
Caledonia Inv	.3700	+95	4100	3230
City Natural Res Yld	.197	+9	232	133%
City Of London	.4111%	+5%	425	377
Dunedin Ent.IT	.520	530	416	
Dunedin Income	.295	+6	332	263
Edin Wwide Inv	.192%	+2%	335	160%
Edin.Drgn.Tst.	.444	+2	534	409
Edin.Inv.Tst	.608	+10	657	573
Edin.US Tracker	.308	+5	320	267
Elderstreet VCT	.54%	58%	47	
European Ass Tst	.89%	+2%	149	831%
F&C Cap&Inc	.303#	+6	3431	281
F&C Inv Tst	.891	+16	946	770
F&C Smaller Cos	.143%	+3%	1751	1341%
F&C US Smaller Companies	.15	1525	1085	

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## SHARES AT A GLANCE

COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW	COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW	COMPANY	CLOSE	+/-	HIGH	LOW
Fidelity Asian	.482	+4	499	407	Fidelity European	.295	+7	345	2671/2	Fidelity Japanese	.170	+4	261	143
Intermediate Cap.Grp	.12921	+9	2379	1254	IP Group	.731#	+3%	146%	661/4	International Pers Fin	.931#	-1%	155%	73
London Stock Ex.	.8098#	+94	8582	6370	Liontrust Asset Man	.916	+45	2455	821	Liquor Brands	.781	+1	83	671/2
London Stock Ex.	.2104	+30	1314	954	London Stock Ex.	.8098#	+94	8582	6370	Mediclinic Intnl	.4941#	+1%	5011	2861/2
London Stock Ex.	.1105	+1%	120	1008	London Stock Ex.	.1105	+1%	1369	1008	Smith & Nephew	.1105	+1%	1369	1008
Man Group	.2571	+1	275	178%	Man Group	.2571	+1	275	178%	Household Goods & Home Construction	.2097	+42	3511	1959
Paragon Group	.506	+10%	6171	4271	Paragon Group	.506	+10%	6171	4271	Barratt Development	.433%	+111/2	760	4081/2
Rathbone Brothers	.170	+3	1821	1531/2	Rathbone Brothers	.170	+3	1821	1531/2	Bellway	.2097	+42	3511	1959
S & U.	.2140	+30	2940	2010	S & U.	.2140	+30	2940	2010	Berkley Grp Hldgs	.3716	+174	4903	3447
Schroders	.2730	+70	3871	2578	Schroders	.2730	+70	3871	2578	Bovis Homes	.800	+1	12611	741
Socfex Group	.2140	+30	2940	2010	Socfex Group	.2140	+30	2940	2010	Headlam Group	.290	-1	512	260
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	McBride	.231	-3%	83	151/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Persimmon	.15191	+171/2	2883	1442
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Northgate	.332#	+4%	4401/2	312
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Premier Oil	.480#	-1/4	530	2981/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Shell	.2321#	+21%	2440	18331/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Soco International	.23%	+1	311	19
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Tullow Oil	.50	+1	621	39%
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Oil & Gas Producers	.4571#	+7	4631	295%
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Cain Energy	.242	+1%	242	1711/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Enquest	.311	+1%	361	17
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Gulf Keystone Pet.	.225	-10	310	1681/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Premier Oil	.480#	-1/4	530	2981/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Shell	.2321#	+21%	2440	18331/2
Socfex Group	.151	+1	151	120	Socfex Group	.151								



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# Queen's horses on hold

## RUNNERS WITHDRAWN OUT OF RESPECT

by Chris Goulding

ROYAL trainers have withdrawn their horses from engagements this week as a mark of respect to The Queen.

Juryman, Mellow Yellow, Reach For The Moon and Spring Is Sprung have all been taken out of their intended races.

This year Her Majesty celebrated 21 winners from the 39 horses who carried her famous silks. King's Lynn was her most notable winner in the Temple Stakes.

As for the future of the royal racehorses, John Gosden, who received an OBE from The Queen in 2017, said: "Of course, nothing is forever – we sort of thought it would be, it seemed The Queen was immortal."

"But I think King Charles

and Camilla, his wife, she's very keen on horses, hopefully the great tradition of the royal family will continue."

Gosden, responsible for

training 13 winners for The Queen, gave an insight into that honour. "I remember very well when she saw Enable at our stables," recalled Gosden.



STAYING AT HOME: Reach For The Moon in The Queen's famous silks

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Richie McLernon, riding again today, did well to keep the partnership intact three hurdles from home, but still managed to beat Accidental Rebel, winner of his three previous races, by a neck.

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### YARMOUTH SKYSPORTSRACING

**1.35** SKY SPORTS RACING SKY 415 HANDICAP

€3,726 (Class 6) 5f 42yds (13 declared)  
1 (6) 321162 FORESEEABLE FUTURE (7) (C,D) R Carr 7-9-10...B Sayette(3) \*72  
2 (3) 575476 MEHMO (35) (D) C Dunnett 4-9-10...E J Walsh 71  
3 (4) 626553 NAVY DRUMS (15) (F) R Cowell 4-9-8...G Downing 64  
4 (8) 634240 PORTELET BAY (70) (C) T Evans 4-9-7...H Doyle 69  
5 (1) 423346 ● AMASOVA (10) (D) Alice Haynes 4-9-6...C Howarth(5) 69  
6 (12) 5L2L28 FOR PEAT'S SAKE (10) (D) M Appleby 4-9-5...F Larson(5) 68  
7 (7) 60L965 CHANSON D'AMOUR (19)

Peter Charalambous & James Clutterbuck 3-9-1 M Harley

8 (11) 06-L876 PRIVILEGE (19) R Cowell 4-8-13...R Havlin 57

9 (9) L-66573 SWELL SONG (40) R Cowell 6-8-10...H Turner 64

10 (5) LL4458 ENCHANTED NIGHT (19) C Dunnett 4-8-9...Colleen Storey

11 (10) R90-782 ROBERT FROST (35) T Kent 5-8-9...J Egan 55

12 (2) 70L487 NEMORUM (23) T Kent 3-8-8...C Fallon 63

13 (3) 89L47 GLEN ETIVE (35) W Jarvis 3-8-8...David Egan 66

BLINKERS: No. 12 VISOR: Nos. 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 4, 8, 13

CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 7, 10, 13 HOOD: No. 3.

SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 8.

SP FORECAST: 3 Foreseeable Future, 9-2 Portelet Bay, 5 Amasova, 13-2 For Peat's Sake, 12 Navy Drums, 14 Nemorum, Glen Etive, Enchanted Night, 16 Others.

2021: Snow Berry 3-8-9, Callum Shepherd 12-1 (M Appleby), drawn (7), 8 ran.

**2.10** EBF NOVICE STAKES (GBB RACE) 2YO

£6,426 (4) 6f 3yds (15)

ABRAVAGGIO (G Margarson 9-7) J Egan

ARARAT (D Simcock 9-7) J P Spencer

DARK KESTREL (34) J T Gosden 9-7 R Havlin

DICKO THE LEGEND (17) Joseph Part 9-7 D Muscatt

GLOBAL VOLITION (C Dwyer 9-7) T Hammer Hansen

MOJITO BOY (C Hills 9-7) T P Quaely

● PROVERB (17) (S) G Bouhey 9-7...W Buick

REWILDING (40) R Cowell 9-7 H Turner

SAVE THE WORLD (16) J Chapple-Hyam 9-7...H Doyle

SKYBLUE EXPERT (10) Alice Haynes 9-7 C Howarth(5)

SPARTAN ARROW (S & Cistred 9-7) David Egan

SPESIATO (15) K P De Foy 9-7...M Harley

SSENSWAN (W Haggas 9-7) Doubtful

ZOOLOGY (J Ferguson 9-7) C Fallon

SPEEDWELL (13) Alice Haynes 9-2...S M Levey

TONGUE STRAP: No. 3, 11 HOOD: No. 2.

SP FORECAST: 7-4 Proverb, 4 Dicks The Legend, 6 Spartan Arrow, 13-2 Zoology, 10 Dark Kestrel, 12 Ararat, Mojito Boy, 16 Abravaggio, 25 Others.

2021: Light Fantasy 9-5, Jamie Spencer 3-1 (D M Simcock), drawn (8), 8 ran.

BEATEN FAVOURITES: 13.5 Portelet Bay(hcp), 3.55 Glen Esk(hcp), 4.30 Makarova(hcp), Tarbib(hcp), Zim Baby(hcp). DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course, especially in large fields.

**2.45** RACING LEAGUE ON SKY SPORTS NURSERY 2YO

£4,536 (5) 7f 3yds (8)

DUCHRAY (16) (T) C & M Johnston 9-9...O Stammers(3) 75

MICKEY DONOVAN (25) (T) P Evans 9-9-9...G Downing 73

BEECHWOOD MICK (39) (D) L Doughman 9-8...S James \*74

MANWHOTHINKSHECAN (34) E Dunlop 9-8...T Marquand 74

TOP OF THE CLASS (86) (T) M Loughnane 9-7 E J Walsh 71

BARLOW BARLOW (16) M Appleby 9-3...F Larson(5) 70

● TWILIGHT GUEST (40) G Margarson 9-1...T P Quaely 73

ZEBRA STAR (45) G Bouhey 9-0...W Buick 73

VISOR: No. 4 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 5, 6.

SP FORECAST: 10-3 Beechwood Mick, 7-2 Duchray, 4 Zebra Star, 7 Manwhothinkshecan, 8 Top of The Class, Mickey Donovan, 10 Twilight Guest, 12 Barlow Barlow.

2021: My Little Tip 9-12, Aled Beech(5) 1-2 Fav (G Bouhey), drawn (8), 8 ran.

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**3.20** RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES

£3,672 (5) 1m 1f 21yds (8)

CORSICAN CAPER (20) (F) K P De Foy 9-7...D Muscatt 68

DIONYSIAN S C Williams 9-7...S M Levey

RAMENSKY (18) W Haggas 9-7 T Marquand 63

CHOURMO (24) M Channon 9-5...David Egan \*73

HAALAND K Welleay 9-5...R Havlin

● HAVANAZ (20) A Balding 9-5...W Buick 65

TIEMOWAVE (49) (T) C & M Johnston 9-5...H Doyle 64

DANCE HAVANA (20) Alice Haynes 9-0...C Howarth(5) 67

TONGUE STRAP: No. 8.

SP FORECAST: 7-2 Corsican Caper, 9-2 Chourmo, Ramensky, Havanaz, 13-2 Timewave, 7 Dance Havana, 12 Haaland, Dionysian.

**4.30** BOB HUNT'S FILLIES' HANDICAP

£7,560 (3) 6f 3yds (8)

ROMANTIC TIME (38) (C,D) W Stone 3-9-9...H Doyle 93

HELLIE ME (17) (D) Joseph Parr 4-9-8...D Muscatt 95

DUBAI JEWEL (81) (D) Alex French 3-9-8...S M Levey 93

KINGMANIA (87) (C) Wall 4-9-6...J Mitchell 88

ZIM BABY (39) (D) M Appleby 9-6-9...F Larson(5) 89

● TARHIB (89) (C,D) M Bell 9-7...G Haggas 9-6-9...J Crowley 91

MAKAROVA (12) (D) E Walker 3-9-6...T Marquand \*96

DORA PENNY (20) (D) T P Evans 9-3-4...W Buick 92

TONGUE STRAP: No. 8 CHEEK PIECES: No. 2 HOOD: No. 5.

SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 8, 1, 5.

SP FORECAST: 2 Tarhib, 7-2 Makarova, 6 Hellie, 15-2 Dubai Jewel, 8 Dora Penny, 10 Kingmania, Zim Baby, 14 Romantic Time.

2021: No corresponding race.

**5.03** MOULTON NURSERIES HANDICAP

£5,508 (4) 5f 42yds (11)

JACK THE TRUTH (37) (D) G Scott 8-0-10...D Muscatt 85

JOSIES KID (24) (D) Alice Haynes 3-9-12...C Howarth(5) \*89

SHANKO (13) (D) S C Williams 3-9-10...S M Levey 83

THE DEFIANT (18) (D) D Steel 9-7-8...R Clutterbuck(3) 88

STONE CIRCLE (19) (C,D) M Bell 9-7-8...B Sayette(3) 85

JAMES WATT (17) (D) T P Middleby 9-7-8...S James 82

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**1.43** RACING TV APPRENTICE HANDICAP £4,266 (Class 5) 7f 219yds (10 dec) 1 (6) 724 OLD NEWS (11) (D) Mr L Stubb's 5 10 1....A Brookes(3) 2 (1) 151 SIMULATION THEORY (6) (C,D) S D Carroll 4 9 1(5ex)....Z Wheatey 3 (2) 045 ZLATAN (34) (D,T) E De Giles 9 9 9....Laura Coughlan 4 (7) 47 COME ON JOHN (38) (D) R Fell 3 9 7....J Peate 5 (5) 123 RUSSIAN VIRTUE (40) (F) R Menzies 5 9 6....O Lewis(5) 6 (3) 793 VIRGO (17) (T) C Fellowes 4 9 6....Mikkel Mortensen(7) 7 (4) 179 ● BY YOUR SIDE (16) (D,F,T) E Dunlop 3 9 5....A Farragher 8 (9) 414 ROYAL PROSPECT (6) (C,D) L Mullany 7 9 4....W Peyle(5) 9 (8) 211 BOLD TERRITORIES (25) M Dods 4 9 1....Mark Winn(3) 10 (10) 358 STRIPZEE (14) (C,D) T Easterby 3 8 11....Brandon Wilkie(7) BLINKERS: Nos. 5, 10 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 8 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 6, 9.

W-Factor: Russian Virtue (76); By Your Side (76); Virgo (75). SP FORECAST: 7-2 Simulation, 9-2 Bold Territories, 5 Royal Prospect, 13-2 Russian Virtue, Old News, 8 Virgo, 12 Zlatan, 14 Others.

**2.18** RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES 2YO £4,050 (5) 5f (7) 1 (7) 314 JAXTA (15) D O'Meara 9 11....J Watson 2 (5) 321 THANKYOUAPPRECIATE (15) (F) N Tinkler 9 11....R Scott 3 (1) 13 LADY JANE GREY (35) (D,T) R Guest 9 6....R Dawson 4 (3) 5L BELSITO (13) K Ryan 9 4....K Stott 5 (2) 73 ● DARK CRUSADE (20) P Midgley 9 4....G Lee 6 (6) 0 FORTUNATE STAR (19) D Carroll 9 4....H Shaw 7 (4) ONCE ADAAY (F,T) Mirs 1 Leveque 9 4....G Wood

W-Factor: Lady Jane Grey (79); Dark Crusade (78); Thankyouappreciate (77).

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Thankyouappreciate, 7-2 Dark Crusade, 4 Lady Jane Grey, 7 Belsito, 8 Jaxta, 12 Once Adaay, 25 Fortunate Star.

**2.53** MARKET CROSS NURSERY 2YO £4,806 (4) 7f (9) 1 (9) 224 ● HELLO DEIRA (11) (S) Owen Burrows 9 9....K Stott 2 (4) 242 PRINCE NABEEL (19) (D) K Ryan 9 8....C Lee 3 (3) 513 PRAIRIE FALCON (19) (D) M Dods 9 5....T Faves 4 (2) 243 INDIANA BE (32) E Bethell 9 4....D Tudsoppe 5 (7) 285 LORD SAM'S CASTLE (20) I Jardine 9 3....A Mullen 6 (8) 244 DOUBLE O (3) D Loughnane 9 3....R Scott 7 (1) 414 WAR TREATY (9) K Ryan 9 2....S Gray 8 (6) 455 NIGHTOUT (15) T Easterby 8 10....D Allam 9 (5) 804 WHAT A DUDE (27) (C,D) B Ellison 8 4....K Schofield(5)

W-Factor: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 9.

W-F: Lord Sam's Castle (86); Hello Deira (85); Prairie Falcon (84). SP FORECAST: 11-4 Hello Deira, 9-2 Prince Nabeel, 5 Indiana Be, 6 Prairie Falcon, 7 What A Dude, 10 Nightout, 12 Double O, Lord Sam's Castle, 14 War Treaty.

**3.28** JOIN RACING TV TODAY HANDICAP £5,076 (4) 4m 2f 1yds (11) 1 (5) 7/14 PILLAR OF HOPE (535) C & M Johnston 4 10 4....J Hart 2 (1) 6L COSMOS RAJ (15) (D) O Meara 4 10 3....J Hart 3 (3) 231 WESTERN STARS (78) (T) E Dunlop 3 9 12....B Curtis 4 (7) 075 ● SAGAETU (14) (C,D) D O'Meara 6 9 11....D Tudsoppe 5 (9) 145 RICH KING (37) (D) E Bethell 3 9 9....K Stott 6 (6) 68L BENADALIJ (43) (D) C Fairhurst 7 9 8....J Garrity 7 (2) 346 FORGIVABLE (9) (C,D) T Easterby 3 9 6....D Allam 8 (10) 610 SHINE ON BRENDA (6) J Goldie 5 9 5....P Mulrennan 9 (8) 624 POSITIVE FORCE (30) K Ryan 3 9 4....T Eaves 10 (11) 106 UNPLUGGED (27) (D) M & D Easterby 6 9 3....S Gray 11 (4) 813 CONTRAST (420) (D) M & D Easterby 8 8 11....Joanna Mason

W-F: Benadalij (86); Shine On Brenda (83); Saganute (82). SP FORECAST: 5-2 Western Stars, 11-2 Shine On Brenda, 13-2 Pillar Of Hope, 7 Rich King, 8 Forgiveable, 10 Cosmos Raj, 12 Others.

TRACK FACTS: GOING: Good to Soft. Left Handed. TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2017-22): Daniel Tudsoppe 20% Strike rate. FIRST TIME: 4.03 Mythical Mylo (visor), 4.38 Noteable (cheek pieces). It Is Now (blinkers), Lady Pascha (tongue strap). BEATEN FAVOURITES: 1.43 Old News(hcp), Royal Prospect(hcp), 2.18 Belsito, 2.53 Hello Deira, Prince Nabeel, 3.28 Contrast(hcp), Cosmos Raj(hcp), Pillar Of Hope, Shine On Brenda, 4.03 As If By Chance(hcp), 4.38 Laconic, 5.10 Prairie Falcon(hcp), Purple Reign(hcp). DRAW: Middle to high numbers have a decided advantage on the straight course LONGEST TRAVELLER: Hello Deira (2.53) 257 miles. STABLE SWITCH: No Qualifiers.

## THE SCOUT

1.43 By Your Side 4.03 Milbanke 2.18 Dark Crusade 4.38 Fanciful 2.53 Hello Deira 5.10 Shemmax 3.28 Saganute

**4.03** RACING TV HANDICAP £5,076 (4) 5f 217yds (16) 1 (5) 684 OSO RAPIDO (14) (C,D) R Fell 5 9 13....B Curtis 2 (7) 021 RUNNINWILD (18) (C,D) Mrs A Duffield 4 9 13

P Hanagan

3 (13) 010 MUSCICA (53) (D) D O'Meara 8 9 10....J Watson 4 (10) 560 WENTWORTH FALLS (66) (C,D) G Harker 10 9 9....C Beasley 5 (12) 05L UNCLE JUMBO (115) (D) Steph Hollinshead 4 9 9....D Allan 6 (16) 732 AS IF BY CHANCE (17) (C,D) N Tinkler 4 9 9....R Scott 7 (15) 894 JORDAN ELECTRICS (11) (D) Ewan Whilans 6 9 9....Eaves 8 (16) 121 IT JUST TAKES TIME (17) (C,D) M Walford 4 9 8....J Garrity 9 (2) 925 FOX HILL (11) (C,D) E Alston 6 9 6....J Hart 10 (11) 15-6 ● MILBANKE (19) (C,D) K R Burke 3 9 6....C Lee 11 (8) 579 BEN MACDUI (14) (D) K Ryan 4 9 4....K Stott 12 (1) 446 BOND POWER (19) B Smart 3 9 4....P Mulrennan 13 (3) 810 IMPELLER (17) (D) T Easterby 4 9 3....D Fentiman 14 (9) 120 THE ARMED MAN (91) (C,D) C Fairhurst 9 9 1....Paula Muir(3) 15 (4) 6-40 MYTHICAL MOLLY (12) B Ellison 3 8 13....B Robinson 16 (14) 1L-0 DISCOMATIC (16) P Midgley 4 8 13....G Lee

VISOR: Nos. 3, 6, 15 TONGUE STRAP: No. 13 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 5, 9, 11, 13.

W-F: Wentworth Falls (90); Bond Power (89); Ben Macdui (87).

SP FORECAST: 5 As If By Chance, 11-2 Runninwild, 6 It Just Takes Time, 8 Oso Rapido, 10 Fox Hill, Milbanke, 12 The Armed Man, Bond Power, Muscica, 14 Others.

BLINKERS: Nos. 5, 10 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 6, 8 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 7, 9.

W-F: Hello Deira (76); Dark Crusade (78); Thankyouappreciate (77).

SP FORECAST: 13-8 Thankyouappreciate, 7-2 Dark Crusade, 4 Lady Jane Grey, 7 Belsito, 8 Jaxta, 12 Once Adaay, 25 Fortunate Star.

**4.38** RACING TV NOVICE STAKES £4,050 (5) 5f (7) 1 (3) 799 IT IS NOW (11) (T) R Varian 3 9 7....R Dawson 2 (7) 5 LAONIC (15) D O'Meara 3 9 7....D Tudsoppe 3 (2) ● FANCIAL (F,T) W Haggas 3 9 2....S Donohoe 4 (1) LADY PASCHA (F) D Carroll 3 9 2....H Shaw 5 (4) 22L NO GUTS NO GLORY (32) Adrian Nichols 3 9 2....Doubtful 6 (6) 432 NOTEABLE (24) Craig Lidster 3 9 2....P Mathers 7 (5) 645 PROCLIVITY (22) M Dods 3 9 2....C Beasley

BLINKERS: No. 1 TONGUE STRAP: No. 4 CHEEK PIECES: No. 6.

W-F: Proclivity (33); Noteable (80); No Guts No Glory (76).

SP FORECAST: 15-8 Fanciful, 4 Proclivity, 9-2 It Is Now, 11-2 Noteable, 6 Laonic, 8 Lady Pascha.

VISOR: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 9.

W-F: Lord Sam's Castle (86); Hello Deira (85); Prairie Falcon (84).

SP FORECAST: 11-4 Hello Deira, 9-2 Prince Nabeel, 5 Indiana Be, 6 Prairie Falcon, 7 What A Dude, 10 Nightout, 12 Double O, Lord Sam's Castle, 14 War Treaty.

**5.10** RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP £3,456 (6) 1m 5f 218yds (12) 1 (6) 611 DESERT QUEST (38) (C,D) S Ewan Whilans 4 10 3....A Brookes(5) 2 (10) 221 JAMIH (32) Miss T Jackson 7 9 13....Joanna Mason 3 (5) 454 MARCELLO SI (40) M Dods 4 9 11....C Beasley 4 (8) 437 TROJAN TRUTH (35) (T) E Bethell 3 9 9....Laura Coughlan(3) 5 (4) 126 VERTICE (11) D Thompson 5 9 8....C Lee 6 (2) 124 HIDDEN PEARL (22) (D,T) J Berry 6 9 6....Doubtful 7 (7) 241 OH SO CHIC (14) (D) E Bethell 5 9 6....K Stott 8 (3) 0-86 WOLF OF OXSHOTT (120) (T) Joseph Parr 3 9 5....J Watson 9 (12) 234 PURPLE REIGN (14) E Dunlop 3 9 4....B Curtis 10 (1) 273 CITY VAULTS (15) D O'Meara 3 9 4....D Tudsoppe 11 (9) 2-22 ● HERESMAD (40) (F) M Hammond 4 9 3....G Lee 12 (11) 65L ROBIN GOODFELLOW (8) T Waggett 3 8 7....JP Sullivan

CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 7, 9.

W-F: Trojan Truth (64); Jamih (63); Marcello Si (62).

SP FORECAST: 4 Oh So Chic, 9-2 Jamih, 5 Desert Quest, 6 Heresmad, 7 Purple Reign, 8 City Vaults, 12 Vertice, 16 Others.

## VITAL STATISTICS

IN-FORM TRAINERS (last 10 days) A King 83% (2 wins and 3 placers from 6 runners), D Shaw 80% (1/3), N Mulholland 75% (3/4), C Longsdon 71% (2/3), S P C Woods 71% (1/4), S & E Cristof 70% (5/2), D Ivory 60% (1/2), B Millman 56% (2/3), D Loughnane 56% (2/3), G Scott 56% (1/4), J Tate 55% (1/5). IN-FORM JOCKEYS Gavin Sheehan 80% (3 wins and 1 places from 5 runners), Christian Howarth 67% (1/3), Tom Scudamore 67% (5/1), Sean Quinlan 57% (2/2), Cieren Fallon 54% (3/4).

## WOLVERHAMPTON SSR

**7.30** SKY SPORTS RACING HD HANDICAP £5,508 (4) 7f 36yds (12) 1 (4) 448 SPARTAN FIGHTER (91) (C,D) A Brittain 5 10 2....H Russell(3) 2 (5) 4L0 RUSSO (37) (C,D) D Carroll 4 10 0....C Rodriguez 3 (9) 9L-3 DAAFR (468) (C,D) A Brittain 6 10 0....C Hardie 4 (3) 197 ● BRAINS (34) J Butler 6 9 12....Grace McEntee(3) 5 (10) 626 ● BRAINS (34) (D) J Butler 6 9 12....Grace McEntee(3) 6 (2) 3-4 AL SHIBLI (34) R Hannan 3 9 12....D O'Neill 7 (7) 014 DAYMAN (80) (C,D) Loughnane 3 9 11....R Kingscote 8 (1) 3L2 KIT GABRIEL (25) Miss A Murphy 3 9 10....H Davies(3) 9 (11) 283 MANHATTANVILLE (62) (D) E Dunlop 3 9 8....R Hornby 10 (6) 721 DYNAMIC TALENT (29) (D,F) Darryl Holland 3 9 8....D Probert 11 (8) 53L ROCKET YOGI (53) (D) J Chapple-Hyam 3 9 4....P Bradley(3) 12 (12) 237 POET (13) S Dixon 3 9 2....Jefferson Smith

BLINKERS: No. 10 VISOR: Nos. 1, 3, 9 TONGUE STRAP: No. 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 8, 12, 100; No. 7.

W-F: Russo (86); Kit Gabriel (85); Manhattanville (84).

SP FORECAST: 7-2 Dynamic Talent, 9-2 Dayman, 11-2 Kit Gabriel, 13-2 Rocket Yogi, 15-2 Manhattanville, 8 Al Shibli, 14 Daarr, Brains, 16 Others.

VISOR: Nos. 4, 11-13 TONGUE STRAP: No. 11 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 6, 12, 100; No. 12.

W-F: Point Louise (69); Hot Day (67); Distinction (65).

SP FORECAST: 9-2 Salonia, 5 Harbour Vision, 11-2 Point Louise, 15-2 Distinction, Inexplicable, Whatwouldyouknow, 10 Others.

**6.00** AT THE RACES EBF MAIDEN STKS 2YO £3,722 (5) 1m 2f 1yds (11) 1 (10) L9 ANGEL'S VOICE (11) E Dunlop 9 7....C Bishop 2 (9) 9 ANGEL OF ANTRIM (13) A Stronge 9 7....G Bass(3) 3 (8) 25 BAND OF STEEL (7) S P Woods 9 7....H Davies(3) 4 (7) 50 BRAVE KNIGHT (28) Sir M Prescott 9 7....L Morris 5 (5) 00 DAWN VEGA (18) K King 9 7....R Hornby 6 (4) 44 FAIRBANKS (A) Balding 9 7....D Probert 7 (6) 44 GOZ (11) Williams 9 7....P J McDonald 8 (11) 66 IMAGINARY WORLD (10) J Tate 9 7....N Callan 9 (2) L OVERLAND (85) B Canham 9 7....J Haynes 10 (3) 32 ZIVANIYA (H) Palmer 9 7....Rossa Ryan 11 (1) DREAMS ADZOEN C & M Johnston 9 2....R Kingscote

W-F: Band Of Steel (85); Gozo (83); Angel's Voice (72).

SP FORECAST: 11-4 Gozo, 3 Band Of Steel, 9-2 Imaginary World, 13-2 Fairbanks, 7 Dreams Adzoen, 10 Zivaniya, 20 Others.

**6.30** ATTHERACES TWITTER NURSERY 2YO £5,508 (4) 4m 1f 104yds (5) 1 (2) 376 MANIFESTED (10) R Hannan 9 9....Rossa Ryan 2 (3) 2L1 FORCEFUL SPEED (36) G Bouhey 9 8....S Osborne(3) 3 (4) 2L1 PERFECT PLAY (14) F C & M Johnston 9 8....Kingscote 4 (1) 2L1 ● DIVINA GRACE (38) (F) R Guest 9 7....C Shepherd 5 (5) 638 EAGLE PRINCE (10) B Ellison 8 13....H Russell(3)

BLINKERS: No. 1 VISOR: No. 5.

W-F: Manifested (83); Eagle Prince (82); Divina Grace (80).

SP FORECAST: 15-8 Perfect Play, 5-2 Divina Grace, 9-2 Forceful Speed, Manifested, 15-2 Eagle Prince.

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## RACE YOU TO NEXT LEVEL

Lightning Louis will power-up new skills

By Alex Spink

LOUIS REES-ZAMMIT is planning to deliver some "short and sharp" shocks to opponents who are already trailing in his wake.

'Rees Lightning' smoked the Wasps defence on Sunday, running the length of the field to score and turn the tide as Gloucester won 27-21.

The 21-year-old speed demon – who won that 100

## ALCARAZ IS 'REAL DEAL' TO RUSEDSKI

From Neil McLeman in New York

CARLOS ALCARAZ has been told he has the star quality of "Ronaldo, Maradona and Messi combined".

And the Spaniard's coach has warned that the youngest ever world No.1 has reached only 60 percent of his potential after a stunning US Open triumph.

At an historic tournament, as Serena Williams retired from the sport Alcaraz heralded the start of a new age in men's tennis by lifting his first Grand Slam title.

He beat new world No.2 Casper Ruud 6-4 2-6 7-6 6-3 in a thrilling final full of outrageous rallies amid raucous scenes at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Chants of "Ole, ole, ole, Carlos, Carlos" rang around the biggest stage in tennis like a football match.

Alcaraz, at 19, is the youngest winner of a men's Grand Slam singles title since Rafa Nadal won the 2005 French Open, also aged 19 but four months younger.

However, Amazon Prime analyst Greg Rusedski, below, chose to compare Real Madrid fan Alcaraz to football greats, Cristiano Ronaldo, Diego Maradona and Lionel Messi. "It won't be like Emma Raducanu last year where she won and then disappeared for a year," said the 1997 US Open finalist.

"He is the real deal. He has everything. This guy is a phenom. He is like watching Ronaldo, Messi and Maradona combined as one athlete. He's off the charts.

He could win over 20 Majors."

And US legend John McEnroe said: "This is not hyperbole, one of the great speed demons we have ever seen. The last one [like him] was Nadal. And Pete Sampras. He is potentially in their company."

Alcaraz only won his first ATP Tour match in February 2020 and had to qualify for last year's Australian Open. His rise up the rankings has been as quick as his coverage of every corner of a tennis court. But his coach Juan Carlos Ferrero said: "I think he's on 60 percent of his game. He can improve a lot of things."

Nadal and Djokovic had shared 15 of the previous 17 Grand Slam titles. Asked if this was the start of the Alcaraz era, former world No.1 Ferrero said: "I would love it to happen. He was born to play this kind of tournament, this kind of match."

Alcaraz said: "I came here just to enjoy, to smile on court and to enjoy playing tennis.

"It is incredible to create history but it is even more difficult to do what the Big Three [Nadal, Djokovic and Roger Federer] have done, to stay there for 20 years. I don't want to compare myself to them but I'm going to try to be even a little like them."

# He's like Messi, Maradona and Ronaldo rolled into one

### A TRUE GREAT

Alcaraz lifts the US Open trophy as, at 19, he becomes youngest world No.1



#### Winners at the age of 19...

- Pete Sampras won the 1990 US Open by beating Andre Agassi. He went on to win 14 Grand Slams
- Rafa Nadal won the 2005 French Open by beating Mariano Puerta. He holds a male record of 22 Grand Slams
- Novak Djokovic won the Miami Masters but his best Grand Slam result was reaching the quarter-finals of the 2006 French Open. He won the first of his 21 Grand Slams at the 2008 Australian Open aged 20.
- Carlos Alcaraz beats Casper Ruud to lift the 2022 US Open crown.



ROBY: Wants challenge

**It's daring but Roby eyes SAS**

### RUGBY LGE By Julie Stott

JAMES ROBY has revealed his dream role when his playing days finally end – living out his SAS fantasies.

The 36-year-old hopes to lead St Helens to a record-breaking fourth title in a row.

Looking further ahead, the hooker has revealed he would love to get a TV challenge.

Roby said: "The military has always appealed to me, the SAS or Special Forces – I'd love nothing more than that. I love 'SAS: Who Dares Wins'. I'd go on that show."

If Saints beat Salford at home on Saturday, it is then all guns blazing to the Grand Final a week later and a possible record.

Roby told the Out of Your League podcast: "It would be amazing to be part of a team that's remembered as potentially one of the best of all time."

Salford full-back Ryan Brierley has escaped a ban for a shoulder charge in the win over Huddersfield. □ WAKEFIELD have sacked head coach Willie Poching despite four wins in their last five games helping them to finish 10th.



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## RUGBY UNION

CHRISTIAN WADE has swapped the NFL for Paris after signing for Racing 92 for the rest of the season.

The former Wasps and England wing, 31, spent three years in American Football before being released by the Buffalo Bills.

He joins Racing after guesting for them in sevens.

ALEX SPINK

## FORMULA 1

ALEX ALBON suffered respiratory failure and was treated in intensive care following appendix surgery.

The 26-year-old Williams driver had an operation on Saturday but suffered complications and was put on a ventilator. He should return home today.

## WORLD OF SPORT

## Eubank fight no play thing says dad Chris

## FROM BACK PAGE

to meet Benn at the O2 in London on October 8 in a battle between the offspring of two British boxing legends.

It will be a 157lb catchweight contest, 3lb lighter than Eubank has ever tipped the scales.

Despite the claims of his father, right, the fight is not off and sources indicate Eubank is training as normal.

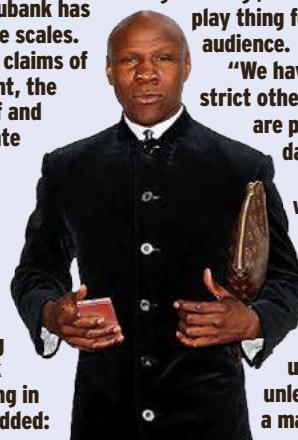
Sebastian, another son of Eubank Sr, died last year after suffering a heart attack while swimming in Dubai. Chris added:

"If you have a child and someone is trying to do something wrong to him, as a dad you wouldn't let them."

"If he doesn't want to follow it, he will be dragged along. This is modern-day 'gladiating', this is not a play thing for the audience."

"We have to be strict otherwise lives are put in danger."

Eubank wants his father to be in his corner but that looks unlikely unless there is a major change.



1. Who scored two tries for Huddersfield Giants in their 33-16 Super League defeat at Salford Red Devils last month?  
2. Which Oval Invincibles men's opener hit the fastest century in the Hundred in their home win over Southern Brave?

3. Who won 2-1 at Leeds United in the FA Cup 3rd Round three years in succession in 1966, 1957 and 1958?

4. Which Czech decathlete was the first to score more than 9,000 points?

5. Which US boxer was lightweight champion at the 1992 Olympics?

6. In which sport do some members of a team use brooms?

7. In rowing, what name is given to a margin of victory of about 5 to 6 feet?

8. Which Swedish tennis player won his third Australian Open men's singles title in 1988?

9. Which Canadian darts player won the PDC World Championship in 2003 and 2008?

10. How many of the 2016 European Ryder Cup team were rookies?

ANSWERS: 1 Sam Heughan, 2 Will Jacks, 3 Cardiff City, 4 Roman Sebele, 5 Oscar de la Hoy, 6 Curling, 7 Canva, 8 Mats Wilander, 9 John Part, 10 G.

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## STOKESY'S

Q What has pleased you most about the way things have gone this summer?

"It is the way the team and everyone involved has bought into a new way of playing.

"The language we use, the messages we deliver, and the way the players have reacted – that has all been in sync.

"There's a huge collective responsibility. Everyone has dived into it and taken to it like ducks to water. I've absolutely loved it.

"We have tried to entertain and give young kids something to aspire to, and want to be a part of when they grow up. Cricket is supposed to be a lot of fun – and this summer it has been."

IT took England just 25 minutes yesterday to score the 33 runs needed to beat South Africa and complete a 2-1 series win to end a summer of six Test victories out of seven for new captain Ben Stokes, following the 3-0 whitewash of New Zealand and the defeat of India. Together with Brendon McCullum as coach, Stokes has already managed to forge a team in his own image and produce instant results. Here he reflects on a brilliant summer, and considers what lies ahead.

Q James Anderson and Stuart Broad were dropped before the summer but they have been revitalised under you, can they keep firing into the Ashes next year?

"Absolutely they can. You keep on picking people if they keep on performing. Stuart Broad and James Anderson have done that for however long now. They are the two guys that I turn to, and

Joe Root and previous captains always turned to, for something to break the game open.

"Those guys stand up in the big moments. Plus, if Broady wasn't going to be playing, Davey Warner might sleep a little bit easier if he knew that, so we've got to take that into consideration!"

Q You have backed the opening pair Alex Lees and Zak Crawley even though their output hasn't been

## ROBINSON SEAMS SO MUCH BETTER

IT WAS  
A GAS:  
Stokes and  
fun-loving  
England  
take series

## ENGLAND'S TEST SCHEDULE

V PAKISTAN (AWAY)

1st Test: 1-5 Dec, Rawalpindi

2nd Test: 9-13 Dec, Multan

3rd Test: 17-21 Dec, Karachi

V NEW ZEALAND (AWAY)

1st Test: 16-20 Feb, Mount Maunganui

2nd Test: 24-28 Feb, Wellington

JUNE 2023

V Ireland, TBA

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V Australia, Edgbaston, Lord's,  
Headingley, Old Trafford, The Oval



HIS WAY:  
Stokes has turned  
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# HIGH SUMMER

particularly high. Do you feel that was the right decision?

"They've not got the number of runs that they would have liked, but opening the batting in England is always a very, very challenging thing to do.

"At no stage of the summer have I doubted Zak should be opening the batting – and his 69 not out here at The Oval to win the game was just awesome.

"He knows that he's got the confidence and the backing of the dressing room.

"There can always be that self-doubt when things aren't going your way. But the way that Zak went out and played, well, you feel proud for your players when they go out and do something like that."

**Q** Three Tests in Pakistan is your next assignment, in December, with a different ball and different conditions. Can you continue to play in this style over there?

"When we go to Pakistan it's going to be a completely different environment that we find ourselves in.

"We will more than likely be faced with a lot more spin, and so it's how we find a method of counteracting that, but in the same positive mindset.

"We want to go there and keep continuing the form we've shown and the way in which we've played, and walk towards that danger of what Pakistan is going to throw at us.

"It's a hot country, and you are not going to get anywhere near as much assistance with

the ball as you do in England. But we want to show that in different situations we can still always try to put the pressure back onto the opposition."

**Q** Cricket decided to continue with games soon after the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. What are your reflections on that first morning?

"I'll never forget walking down the steps out of the changing rooms to complete silence in the ground .

"We're normally used to walking

## SCOREBOARD

### Third Test Match

England v South Africa

THE KIA OVAL: England beat South Africa by nine wickets

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 118

(Robinson 5-49, Broad 4-41)

ENGLAND: First Innings 158

(Pope 67, Jansen 5-35, Rabada 4-81)

SOUTH AFRICA: Second Innings 169

ENGLAND: Second Innings

(Overnight 97-0)

A Lees lbw Rabada..... 87 73 39

Z Crawley not out..... 102 57 69

O Pope not out..... 14 10 11

Lb6 nb5..... 11

Total (1 wkt., 22.3 overs)..... 130

Fall: 108.

Bowling: Rabada 11-1-57-1, Jansen 7.3-0-40-0, Nortje 4-0-27-0.

Umpires: N Memon & R Kettleborough.

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down with big cheering, and the silence was deafening.

"You could see the upset, but also the amount of respect that everyone has for The Queen, for her service to the country and all around the world.

"We take a huge amount of inspiration from what she did in her reign and the way that she committed her life to her country.

"We walk out there and we represent this country – and we do it with a lot of pride and honour as well."



## TOP MARKS IN TESTS

### ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND

FIRST TEST, Lord's, June 2-5.

England won by five wickets

SECOND TEST, Trent Bridge, June 10-14. England won by five wickets

THIRD TEST, Headingley, June 23-27.

England won by seven wickets

England won series 3-0

### ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND

FIFTH TEST (completed from 2021), Edgbaston, 1-5 July. England won by seven wickets

England and India draw series 2-2

### ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA

FIRST TEST, Lord's, 17-19 August. South Africa won by an innings and 12 runs

SECOND TEST, Old Trafford, 25-27 August. England won by an innings and 85 runs

THIRD TEST, Oval, 8-12 September. England won by nine wickets



## SCARE STORY FOR ASHES

### FROM BACK PAGE

with the ball," said skipper Stokes, who had key bowlers Jofra Archer and Mark Wood unavailable this summer. "Who knows how far we can take this side."

"We've got two of our premium fast bowlers who have had big injuries and missed a lot of cricket."

"So you add Jofra and Woody into the mix being fully fit... and the batters that we've got coming through, means it's a very high ceiling for this team that we can explore." Even though Stokes will

have his full focus on Pakistan and New Zealand over the winter, the sting of losing the Ashes 4-0 at the start of this year is still raw.

"When you know you have an Ashes coming up very soon, it's hard not to look at it," said Stokes. "Especially with how the last Ashes trip went."

Mark Boucher will not see out his contract as South Africa's head coach and will step down to "pursue other opportunities" after the upcoming tour to India and the T20 World Cup, which starts on October 16.

## ENGLAND

### SERIES ANALYSIS

By Dean Wilson

### ZAK CRAWLEY

5

One swallow does not make a summer but Crawley will feel better about himself after his unbeaten Oval half-century. Plenty still to prove though.

PLAYED: 3 RUNS: 134 AVE: 33.5 HS: 69 NOT OUT

### ALEX LEES

3

Against a high-class attack, and in favourable bowling conditions, left-hander Lees has struggled to show he can thrive at this level.

PLD: 3 RUNS: 96 AVE: 19.20 HS: 39

### OLIE POPE

7

A hugely encouraging series for the Surrey youngster, who is looking increasingly assured in the role of England Test No.3.

PLD: 3 RUNS: 179 AVE: 44.75 HS: 73

### JOE ROOT

3

A rough old series for the team's best batter. The former skipper was probably due a failure or two but he will still be annoyed.

PLD: 3 RUNS: 46 AVE: 11.5 HS: 23

### HARRY BROOK

5

A promising start for the debutant in the last Test at The Oval. Brook did not appear overawed by the experience and has lots more to offer.

PLD: 1 RUNS: 12 AVE: 12 HS: 12

### BEN STOKES

8

Terrific contributions across the board with the bat, ball and as captain. Stokes produced a quality all-round performance.

PLD: 3 RUNS: 149 AVE: 37.25 HS: 103 WKT: 10 AVE: 15.7

### JONNY BAIRSTOW

6

Cruel luck denied him an outing at The Oval but he is vital to this team's success and its style. He played his part in Manchester.

PLD: 2 RUNS: 67 AVE: 22.33 HS: 49

### BEN FOAKES

7

Found the right tempo and skill to score a valuable second Test hundred. Wicketkeeping was immaculate and now established in the team.

PLD: 3 RUNS: 133 AVE: 44.33 HS: 113 NO CATCHES: 14

### OLIE ROBINSON

8

A brilliant return to international cricket after a difficult winter. Robinson took full advantage of the bowler-friendly conditions.

PLD: 2 WKT: 12 AVE: 15

### STUART BROAD

8

A consistent threat in a new first-change role. The 36-year-old showed his ability and versatility as he continued to set records.

PLD: 3 WKT: 14 AVE: 15.57

### JACK LEACH

5

When matches are operating in fast forward, a spinner can get left behind. Not a series suited to the left-armers' assets.

PLD: 3 WKT: 2 AVE: 44.5

### JAMES ANDERSON

7

The peerless swing-bowling wonder continues to produce remarkable displays beyond the age of 40 that are awe-inspiring.

PLD: 3 WKT: 10 AVE: 16.6

### MATT POTTS

5

A reliable performer who has stepped up when required. But he perhaps started to show the effects of a full summer of international cricket.

PLD: 1 WKT: 2 AVE: 39.5

urance Test Series  
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ners 2022

# It's been one long party for Conway since his birthday

MAYBE it was a birthday wish or the cake his mum made but Tommy Conway has not stopped scoring since hitting 20.

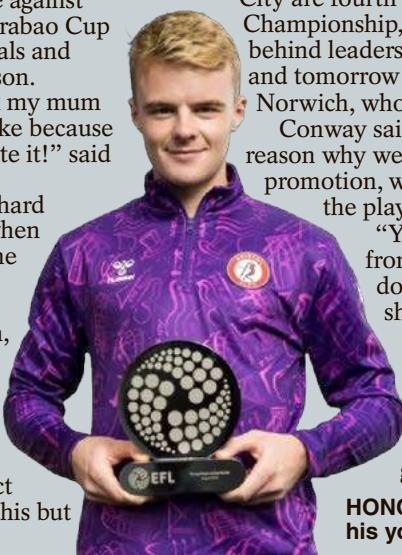
Conway celebrated the end of his teenage years five weeks ago by blowing out the candles and tucking into his favourite chocolate treat.

Four days later the Bristol City striker scored twice against Coventry in the Carabao Cup and now has six goals and two assists this season.

"You need to ask my mum what was in that cake because she made it, I just ate it!" said Conway, smiling.

"I feel I worked hard over the summer when I was away so I came back in as fit as I could be. I was flying in pre-season, scoring a couple of goals."

"I just knew when my chance came, I'd be ready for it. I didn't expect it to be as early as this but I had confidence in



HONOUR: Conway with his young player award

By David Anderson

myself that I could take it." Conway has won the EFL's Young Player of the Month for August, and said: "I can't believe a month ago, I hadn't scored one. Now here I am with six goals and two assists. It doesn't sound real."

City are fourth in the Championship, just three points behind leaders Sheffield United, and tomorrow night travel to Norwich, who are second.

Conway said: "I don't see any reason why we can't push for promotion, whether it's through the play-offs or automatic."

"You can see a change from last year and I don't think anyone should write us off."

"If we keep playing like we're playing, I don't see anyone having a comfortable game against us."

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## BOSS WARNS BREAK WILL NOT DERAIL LEADERS

CARRY ON: Sander Berge scored in 2-0 win against Hull before break

# My Blades are sharp as before

SWANSEA V SHEFF UTD  
7.45PM, SKY SPORTS  
By David Anderson

PAUL HECKINGBOTTOM is sure Sheffield United's weekend lay-off will not send their promotion push off track.

The Championship leaders had taken 13 points from a possible 15 before all football was postponed as a mark of respect for the Queen.

The Blades took advantage of their unexpected free Saturday to hold an extra training session, and Heckingbottom says his players are used to dealing with games being called off at late notice because of last season's repeated Covid postponements.

"We just trained instead," he said. "It was strange having no football on the Saturday, but we're back to normal now."

"We're ready. We've all got our heads around the situation – it is what it is."

"It's nothing we haven't had before so it won't affect us. Clubs have got good at dealing with the abnormal, and we're ready to go."

Heckingbottom feels, with hindsight, that football should have carried on, like many other sports, and hopes there will be no more disruptions in a season already congested because of the World Cup.

"I thought everything would be called off and initially thought that was right," he said.

"But then on Friday night and Saturday I wished it was on and we'd pay our respects that way. I

understand that the authorities are 'damned if you do and damned if you don't'."

"I understand the concerns, but they won't go away when we do play. Hopefully we can carry on now, uninterrupted."

Swansea boss Russell Martin has jokingly urged in-form Blades striker Oli McBurnie not to score against his old side.

McBurnie says he has a soft spot for the Swans because he made his name there in a four-year spell, and Martin wants him to remember that.

McBurnie, who joined the Blades for £20million in 2019,

has scored in his past three games, after a miserable couple of seasons. "If he's a Swansea boy like he says, he won't score," said Martin with a smile.

Swansea are 19th after just two wins all season but Martin refuses to be daunted at the prospect of facing the Blades.

"They're full of excellent players with loads of Premier League experience," he said.

"It's up to us to approach it with the right mentality. In this league you've got a chance against anyone. If you get a win, you're really not far away. It's still early days."

## Roberts is Steffen on Zack's shoes

MANCHESTER CITY goalkeeper Zack Steffen joined Middlesbrough on a season-long loan to play regular first-team football and improve his World Cup prospects.

But the form of Boro understudy Liam Roberts, 27, has complicated the American's plans.

Steffen, right, who is also 27, struggled for game time at City due to the form of Ederson.

Now he is fighting it out with a rival who had never played higher than League Two before

M'boro v Cardiff 7.45PM, SKY

Chris Wilder signed him from Northampton this summer.

Roberts is set to keep his place against Cardiff at the Riverside tonight, with the USA keeper not quite 100 percent fit after a three-week lay-off.

Steffen has watched as Boro have won two games out of three and kept their first clean sheet with Roberts between

the posts. Wilder admits that with the American likely to be available for Saturday's home game against Rotherham, he has a selection poser.

"I don't look at personalities," said Wilder. "I just look to pick the best team to get a result."

"I am delighted with the way it's gone for Liam because he's such a good kid. He wants to be No.1 here but he also understands that Zack

didn't come here to sit on the bench.

"Robbo's put in good, strong performances."

Callum Robinson is set for a first Cardiff start following his move from West Brom.

"We felt the last game was too soon for him so we got 45 minutes in his legs," said manager Steve Morison.

"But now he's had two or three days extra training. He's an excellent player who brings quality to the group."

IAN MURTAGH



# INTO A WILD BLUE YONDER

By John Cross

GRAHAM POTTER is determined to write his own piece of Chelsea history after promising to compete for trophies.

The 47-year-old takes charge of his first Blues game tomorrow night, against Red Bull Salzburg in the Champions League, after a "whirlwind" arrival at Stamford Bridge.

Former Brighton boss Potter, who has signed a five-year deal worth in excess of £50million, is a major departure from some of his big-name predecessors, such as Jose Mourinho and Thomas Tuchel.

But he has no doubt that he can bring a new era of success to the Blues.

"The history of the club speaks for itself but it's about trying to create that again in our own way," said head coach Potter.

"It's an amazing history, fantastic tradition, a historic football club.

"You only have to walk around the place and see the pictures, trophies, names. It's incredible and it's a huge honour for me to be part of that now.

"It's about creating a team that competes, that has respect for each other, that is honest, that works together, a combination of football and human values that we try to work with.

"It's nice to be able to take the next step and work with an exciting group of players and compete at the top, try and create a winning team – that's a



I'm really impressed by the vision

## Potter plotting to write own history

fantastic opportunity for me. I was really excited and impressed by [the new ownership], firstly as people and then the vision for the club."

Co-owners Todd Boehly and Behdad Eghbali went for Potter as they saw him as a risk taker, innovator and strong leader.

But it must still be seen as something of a gamble because they have gone from a big name in Tuchel to a manager who even laughs at his own first name for not being very sexy.

Potter spelt out his approach to man-management and on being able to handle big egos.

But he also called on the fans to keep getting behind the team to maintain Stamford Bridge's

strong atmosphere. "I try to find some common ground, build relationships, communicate effectively on a daily basis and build respect, trust and honesty, so my starting point would always be the person first," said Potter.

"You have to understand they're human beings first and the key is to try to understand them, what motivates them and what they're like as people.

"Chelsea is a really tough place to play so I'm looking forward to being on the other end of that and getting that support with the team because it's amazing – the atmosphere is fantastic.

"It's one of those places that fills you with incredible excitement when you come as an away team."

Potter admits he has taken risks in his career – such as moving to Ostersunds in Sweden – but it has improved him as a coach and a person.

He added: "To get better you have to take a little step outside of what's comfortable and our job as coaches is to provide the players the opportunity to do that.

"Life is about taking risks, it's about doing something that's a bit outside of what you're comfortable with because it allows you to grow and develop."



**GOLDEN GRAHAM:**  
Potter has worked his way to the top



BARBER: Prepared

## Clubs aren't prisons, we have open minds

BRIGHTON will continue to allow other clubs to speak to their coaches and players even though rivals have gutted the Seagulls in 2022.

Newcastle took technical director Dan Ashworth, Tottenham swooped for midfield enforcer Yves Bissouma and last week Chelsea raided the Amex for manager Graham Potter and five of his coaching staff – after nabbing player of the season

By Nick Szczepanik

Marc Cucurella. But Albion CEO Paul Barber insisted yesterday there will be no rethink of the club's open-door policy.

"Football clubs are not prisons," he said. "Where people have an outstanding opportunity and they feel that it's better for them, their careers, their families, then we've got an open mind." The alternative, Barber and

Brighton owner Tony Bloom believe, is that "people go behind your back, have secret meetings – it's more disruptive, it unsettles more staff."

"We always knew that losing Graham to a bigger club or even the national team if Gareth [Southgate] ever left his job was a possibility. It is really important to put in place plans for succession in every area, so we are working through our list."

## SPORT IN BRIEF

### LV County Championship

(Day 1 of 4)

#### Division One

**Northamptonshire v Surrey**  
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire have scored 249 for four wickets against Surrey

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Inns**

E Gay c Curran b Atkinson.....145  
W Young c Patel b Roach.....20  
L Procter c Steel b Roach.....2  
J Cobb c Smith b Worrall.....1  
R Keogh not out.....75  
R Vasconcelos not out.....0  
Lb4 nb2.....6

Total (4 wkt., 67.2 overs).....249

Fall: 77, 91, 94, 249.

**Bowling:** Roach 15-1-70-2, Curran

16-4-53-1, Clark 15-2-42-0, Curran

11-2-39-0, Atkinson 6-2-22-1, Steel

4-19-0.

**Umpires:** G Lloyd & P Hartley.

**Warwickshire v Somerset**

**EDGBASTON: Somerset have scored**

**182 for eight wickets against**

**Warwickshire**

**SOMERSET: First Inns**

T Lammonby st Burgess b Yadav.....24  
I ul Haq c Burgess b Siraj.....5  
T Abell b Hannon-Dalby.....1  
G Bartlett c Burgess b Siraj.....12  
L Goldsworthy lbw Brookes.....9  
J Rew lbw Siraj.....0  
L Gregory not out.....60  
K Aldridge lbw Brookes.....6  
J Davey lbw Siraj.....21  
S Khan not out.....31  
B8 wnb4.....13

Total (8 wkt., 56 overs).....182

Fall: 12, 17, 46, 46, 66, 82, 140.

**Bowling:** Hannan-Dalby 14-5-43-1,

Siraj 19-5-54-4, Yadav 14-2-42-1,

Brookes 8-0-17-2, Briggs 1-0-18-0.

**Umpires:** N Mallender & J Middlebrook.

**Yorkshire v Essex**

**HEADLINGER: Yorkshire have scored**

**134 for all wickets against Essex**

**YORKSHIRE: First Inns**

A Lyth c Rossington b Porter.....13  
F Bean c Rossington b S J Cook.....0  
F Hill c Rossington b S J Cook.....36  
T Kohler-Cadmore c Lawrence b S J Cook.....5  
W Fraine b Snater.....0  
J Tattersall b Snater.....32  
M Revis c Rossington b Snater.....2  
J Thompson c A N Cook b Allison.....5  
B Coad b Allison.....17  
S Patterson not out.....10  
J Shutt lbw Porter.....4  
Lb6 nb4.....10

Total (52.2 overs).....134

Fall: 4, 22, 55, 56, 64, 87, 100, 100,

123.

**Bowling:** Porter 13-2-34-2, Cook

15-7-31-3, Allison 11-5-15-2, Snater

12-6-39-3, Critchley 1-0-1.

**Umpires:** R Bailey & R White.

**Division Two**

**Leicestershire v Durham**

**GRACE ROAD: Leicestershire have**

**scored 97 for two wickets against**

**Durham**

**LEICESTERSHIRE: First Inns**

M Azad lbw Coughlin.....9  
S Budinger not out.....63  
R Patel c Borthwick b Potts.....5  
L Kimber not out.....0  
B17 lb3.....20

Total (2 wkt., 22 overs).....97

Fall: 74, 97.

**Bowling:** Raine 6-1-14-0, Potts 7-1-22-

1, Gibson 4-0-18-0, Coughlin 5-2-23-1.

**Umpires:** T Lungley & C Watts.

**Middlesex v Glamorgan**

**LORD'S: Middlesex trail Glamorgan by**

**82 runs with six first-innings wickets**

**in hand**

**GLAMORGAN: First Inns**

D Lloyd b Roland-Jones.....5  
E Byrom c Simpson b Murtagh.....4  
S Gill b Roland-Jones.....22  
S Northeast c Simpson b Murtagh.....17  
K Carlson c Simpson b Murtagh.....36  
W Root c Simpson b Higgins.....11  
C Cooke b Bamber.....52  
J Harris lbw Higgins.....13  
T van der Gugten not out.....9  
A Patel c Simpson b Higgins.....36  
M Hogan c Roland-Jones b Higgins.....2  
Lb3 nb4.....7

Total (54.1 overs).....214

Fall: 5, 9, 48, 70, 129, 165, 165,

208.

**Bowling:** Murtagh 12-1-58-3, Roland-

Jones 16-1-50-2, Higgins 15-1-2-59-4,

Bamber 11-1-44-1.

**MIDDLESEX: First Inns**

S Robson c Gill b Hogan.....10  
M Stoneman not out.....72  
S Eskinazi c Cooke b Harris.....31  
P Malan b Harris.....0  
M Holden c Northeast b Harris.....0  
J Simpson not out.....14  
Lb5.....5

Total (4 wkt., 36.2 overs).....132

Fall: 36, 90, 92, 92.

**Bowling:** Hogan 10-2-24-1, Harris

11-1-47-3, van der Gugten 9-3-22-0,

Pate 6-2-12-0.

**Umpires:** D Milns & M Newell.

**Sussex v Worcestershire**

**HOVE: Worcestershire trail Sussex by**

**13 runs with all first-innings wickets in hand**

**SUSSEX: First Inns**

A Orr b Leach.....1  
T Haines b Gibson.....2  
T Alsop lbw Leach.....0  
T Clark lbw Leach.....8  
O Carter c Roderick b Pennington.....1  
F Hudson-Prentice c Roderick b Pennington.....51  
J Coles c Ali b Gibson.....54  
F Ashraf c Haynes b Leach.....2  
J Carson run out.....58  
H Crocombe c Pennington b Gibson 16  
B Currie not out.....4  
B4 lb5 nb4.....23

Total (59.2 overs).....220

Fall: 4, 4, 14, 15, 23, 99, 106, 193, 213.

**Bowling:** Leach 13-3-37-4, Gibbon

13-3-52-3, Pennington 14-2-6-45-2,

Tongue 8-2-21-0, Barnard 10-1-51-0,

D' Oliveira 1-0-5-0.

**CRICKET**

**LV County Championship (day 2 of**

**4) – Division One:** Northampton-

shire v Surrey (Northampton,

10.30am), Warwickshire v

Somerset (Edgbaston, 10.30am).

Yorkshire v Essex (Headingley,

10.30am). **Division Two:**

AFC Wimbledon v Northampton

Barrow v Doncaster

Crawley v Stockport Co

Grimbsy v Gillingham

Harrogate v Salford City

Hartlepool v Crewe

Mansfield v Carlisle

Rochdale v Leyton Orient

Stevenage v Newport Co

Swindon v Sutton Utd

Tranmere v Bradford

Walsall v Colchester

**Vanarama National League:**

Altrincham v Scunthorpe, Barnet v

Dorking Wanderers, Boreham

Wood v Maidenhead Utd,

Chesterfield v Southend, Eastleigh

v Yeovil, FC Halifax v Gateshead,

Maidstone Utd v Walsteadone,

Notts County v Aldershot, Torquay v

Solihull Moors, Woking v Oldham,

## Premier return fires up Costa

DIEGO COSTA is itching to reignite his Premier League career after easing Wolves' striker crisis.

The former Chelsea frontman has signed until the end of the season.

Wolves had to appeal for a work permit after the Brazil-born player did not automatically qualify and the free agent's initial application was rejected.

Costa, 33, said: "It's a first-class club with very good players who know how to play football and having the chance to play in the Premier League again was the main thing.

"Obviously, the club influenced my decision, especially knowing I will be able to adapt a lot more easily here."

"Not only from a technical point of view, with the quality of the players, but also from the fact that a lot of the players



**LEAD MAN:**  
Costa is  
hungry to  
make a mark  
with Wolves

are Portuguese and that will make my transition that much smoother."

"He [boss Bruno Lage] told me about returning to the Premier League and this is a championship I have related to quite a bit and always liked."

"No matter how much I enjoyed playing in Madrid, I felt discouraged, but this motivated me. It lit that fire within me."

Costa arrives with Wolves having lost new £15million signing Sasa Kalajdzic to a serious knee injury.

He has been available since January after leaving Atletico Mineiro in Brazil. Costa won the Premier League twice with Chelsea in three seasons.

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**Conte was moved by  
Queen's death 'just  
like a normal person'**

### SPORTING V TOTTENHAM

5.45PM, BT SPORT

From Darren Lewis in Lisbon

ANTONIO CONTE has revealed he went down to Buckingham Palace "like a normal person" to mourn the Queen.

With football postponed last weekend, Conte wore a hat to keep a low profile and headed across London with his brother Daniele to join the hundreds of thousands paying their respects.

The Tottenham head coach said: "On Friday I went to Buckingham Palace like a normal person, because I am a normal person.

"I did it with a hat to live this situation because I think for sure we will remember this for the rest of our lives.

"I want to give condolences from me, from the club, from the players to the royal family.

"Then football has to go ahead and we will do it, but I think the Premier League made an important decision to stop football and show respect for the death of the Queen."

Spurs are due to wear black armbands and hold a minute's silence ahead of tonight's Champions League tie against Sporting Lisbon.

Conte said: "For sure what happened in the last few days in England is something extraordinary.

"Honestly, on Thursday we were all sad because we are talking about a person that her service for this country was outstanding.

"In this moment there is big sadness in the country for this and I was living this atmosphere in London.

"We are talking about a situation that we will look at as the story of the future.

"To live this moment here is for sure a sad moment, but at the same time it is special because we are talking about the death of the Queen.

"She was 96 years old and honestly, for me, it was very difficult to believe she was dead, because in your mind you think that the Queen



## Howe: We must Toon up in attack

EDDIE HOWE has told Newcastle they must be more ruthless up front.

The Toon have missed nine big chances, according to Premier League statistics, and Howe knows it is undermining their chances of progressing.

Alexander Isak failed to score when clean



**SAD BUT SPECIAL:** Conte is aware he is living through a historic moment

By David Anderson

through against Crystal Palace in the last match.

"It was just one of those days," said Howe, left.

"Every presentable chance which came and went sort of added to the next one we got a few minutes later – it

was incredible really. If we played that game against Palace again, there's no way we would do that again."

Howe has signed former Liverpool keeper Loris Karius on a short-term contact.

Karius will cover for Nick Pope, with Karl Darlow out injured.

# NATION'S GRIEF



**ROYAL FAMILY** Richarlison, Heung-Min Son and Emerson Royal share a joke yesterday

Lucas Moura, who is still recovering from a tendon issue, his men are now ready to rumble again.

Conte said: "For sure, not playing on Saturday has given us the chance to recover better."

"The situation has changed because when you play every two or three days it is very difficult."

"You need to rotate because the players need rest, otherwise you risk injuries. At the same time, in two or three days you need

energy. In this case the game against City was postponed, it gives us the chance to recover well and to be more relaxed in picking the starting 11."

Defender Eric Dier, who spent more than a decade at Sporting before joining Spurs, said: "It will be a difficult game for us, a very strong team. It's a good opportunity to get a good position in the group."

"It's very special for me to be here. I was here for a long time."



**WORSHIP:** Foden with De Bruyne

## 'Unbelievable' De Bruyne is the greatest for Foden

PHIL FODEN says Manchester City's Kevin De Bruyne is the greatest star he has played with.

David Silva and Sergio Aguero are two of the most decorated players in City's history, and both have statues outside the Etihad. Foden idolised Silva growing up but believes De

By Jeremy Cross

Brayne is just ahead of the Spaniard.

Foden said: "When I was watching football and growing up I loved David Silva. But seeing Kevin De Bruyne every day in training, the things he does! He's an unbelievable

player, probably the best I've ever, ever played with."

Foden has established himself as one of the best young players in Europe and the 22-year-old will be part of the England squad at the World Cup in Qatar this winter.

The attacking midfielder used to enjoy watching

## EDWARDS TIPPED FOR THREE LIONS

By Darren Lewis

SPORTING LISBON boss Ruben Amorim has tipped former Tottenham player Marcus Edwards to win an England call-up.

London-born Edwards, 23, left Spurs two years ago without making a Premier League appearance, despite being jokingly likened to Lionel Messi by former boss Mauricio Pochettino.

But the playmaker is fulfilling his potential in Portugal with a successful spell at Vitoria Guimaraes leading to him joining Sporting in January.

Amorim said: "Marcus is a very talented player. He took a little while to adapt to the Portuguese lifestyle but he has so much talent. He can get much better.

"He can even get to the English national team. He has to focus more on training and all that is around it.

"Football is not just matches, it's everything in between. I trust him a lot. I know he can grow a lot. He has a long way to go but I think we did excellent business in signing him."

Edwards has scored three times in seven games this term. Last week he set Sporting on their way to victory against Eintracht Frankfurt - last season's Europa League winners - with his first Champions League goal.

He then made the second for former Wolves loan signing Trincao in a man-of-the-match

**EXPORT VALUE:** Edwards has adapted well to life in Portugal



PAGE: Four-year deal

**Page can finally plan for future**

By James Nursey

ROB PAGE has finally been rewarded with a long-term contract for leading Wales to the World Cup.

Former No.2 Page was promoted to manager on an interim basis when Ryan Giggs was placed on leave almost two years ago.

Page, 48, led his country to the last 16 at Euro 2020, then to qualification for their first World Cup since 1958, and has now been given a four-year deal. He said: "There is no bigger honour than coaching your national team and I can't wait for the challenge the next four years will bring."

"This is an exciting time for Welsh football. I hope we can make the country proud in November and continue our success by qualifying for more major tournaments in the future."

Page, who has been in charge for 26 games, took over after Giggs was arrested in November 2020 before the former Manchester United winger officially stood down in June ahead of his trial for assault and controlling behaviour. The jury was discharged at the end of August after failing to reach a verdict and he will face a retrial next year.

Page, who is set to name his squad tomorrow for this month's Nations League matches against Belgium and Poland, will be in charge for qualification campaigns for Euro 2024 and the World Cup in 2026.

Welsh FA president Steve Williams said: "The World Cup is the perfect opportunity to show Wales on the world stage and I am positive Rob is the best person for the role, in Qatar and beyond."

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**SITTING DUCK:**  
Maguire has  
lost his place  
in United's  
starting XI

## Maguire testing Gareth's loyalty

By John Cross

GARETH SOUTHGATE had proudly boasted he would know his starting line-up if the World Cup began tomorrow.

That was a nice sound bite six months ago, when England clinched their place in Qatar and everything in the garden looked rosy.

Now, with 69 days until England's opening group match, his selection looks a long way from being settled.

The England manager names his final squad on Thursday for this month's Nations League matches against Italy and Germany before deciding on his players for Qatar.

It is unlikely he will pick anyone who he does not think is capable of going to the World Cup, so there will not be too many left-field experiments.

But Southgate will be without No.1 goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, who has been ruled out by Everton because of a thigh injury. His selection might provide an indication to who he considers his No.2, with Manchester United's Dean Henderson, who has been in good form on loan at Nottingham Forest, vying with Newcastle's Nick Pope and Arsenal's Aaron Ramsdale.

**RECALL?** Versatility could be key for Dier



Any idea that England would have an advantage because the tournament comes mid-season already looks misplaced.

## LIONS' FAMILY TIME

By Jeremy Cross

GARETH SOUTHGATE will allow his stars to watch the Queen's funeral with their families rather than join up with England.

The Three Lions were due to report at St George's Park next Monday ahead of a Nations League visit to Italy that Friday, and the game with Germany at Wembley three days later.

But Southgate, right, has seen his pre-World Cup plans thrown into confusion due to the funeral taking place on the



same day his players were due to meet up at HQ. The England boss, who paid tribute to the Queen last week, considered that training as normal next Monday was simply inconceivable in the circumstances. Southgate will name his latest squad this Thursday but, as a mark of respect to Her Majesty, he has scrapped his scheduled media conference later.

## 'WE HAVE TO HURT'

JOEL MATIP admitted the truth hurts after Jurgen Klopp ripped into his under-performing stars following their Napoli shocker.

The Liverpool centre-half, below, said: "I think in the team we are quite clear, sometimes it hurts and this is normal but in a good team, which I think we are, you can speak about these truths.

"You don't like to hear them in the first moment sometimes, but everybody knows something has to happen and we have to improve and work on these kind of things. And for these kind of things, you have to talk."

Matip believes more than one thing has gone wrong, with the Reds winning just two of their six Premier League games this season. He said: "It is not easy to give this one thing.

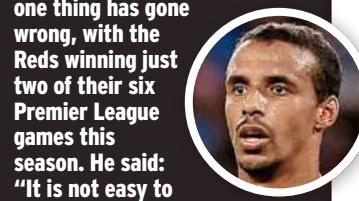
"Then it would be easier and everybody can turn it around.

"A lot of things can help us, it starts with defending and playing the way we played always, but it's not easy to say this is the one thing, and if we change it then everything will go well.

"We need to expect that Ajax are a great side and that we have to suffer.

"We want to be there from the first second and want to fight. This is the only way to get back on track."

CHRIS McKENNA



DOWN TIME: Liverpool are shocked by their Napoli nightmare

## LIVERPOOL V AJAX

8PM, BT SPORT  
By Chris McKenna

JURGEN KLOPP made his players sit through the "horror show" against Napoli, which he called "the worst game we've played since I was here".

The Liverpool manager showed the video nasty in a bid to inspire his charges, after they were thrashed 4-1 by the Italians in last week's Champions League opener.

After the weekend's games were postponed, Klopp has

had a week to dissect matters ahead of the clash with Ajax tonight, and made it clear he had ripped into his side.

"Lots of thoughts," said Klopp, who joined the Reds in 2015.

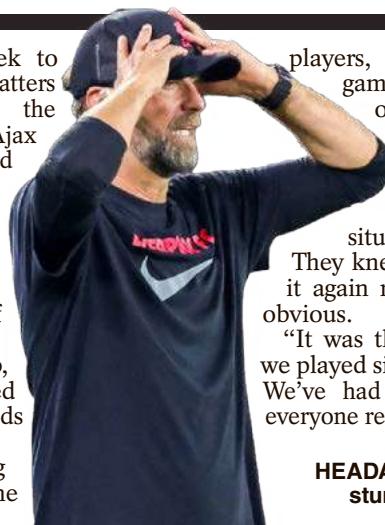
"Meeting with the

players, I watched the game back plenty of times and it was a real horror show.

We showed the boys the situations as well. They knew – but seeing it again makes it really obvious.

"It was the worst game we played since I was here. We've had bad games – everyone remembers losing

HEADACHE: Klopp is stunned in Naples



# KLOPP'S HORROR MOVIE



## 'Our fans do know how to show respect'

FROM BACK PAGE

any kind of advice from me about showing respect."

Liverpool fans have booed the national anthem at cup finals because of their disillusion with Tory-led governments, which was compounded by their shocking treatment in

the aftermath of the Hillsborough disaster.

But Klopp believes the Reds know the right time to show respect, pointing to how fans sang You'll Never Walk Alone for Cristiano Ronaldo during their clash with Manchester United last season, after his new-born son had

died. The Reds boss said: "There are plenty of examples where people showed the right respect.

"One which surprised me, and I was really proud of that moment, was when we played United around a very sad situation with Cristiano's family. And

that is what I expect. For me, it is clear that's what we have to do. That's it."

Klopp also paid tribute to the Queen.

He added: "I didn't know her, but from all the things that you can see she was a really warm, nice, loved lady – and that is all that I need to know."



RONALDO: Was given support

7-2 to Aston Villa, and others where we were just not up to speed, but there were always glimpses in those games. In this particular game – nothing.

"Eight out of 11 were below their level and the three others were not on a top level, just a normal game.

"It was not needed to say a lot about it but I did anyway. Did I question the players? Generally no. But in this situation, yes. 'Why would you do that?' and 'Why would we do that?'. There were four or five days of absolute

truth. We didn't hide anything, we didn't hold back anything, there was no need for that.

"We just said it how it is, but not to knock the players down, just to make sure where we are now is the starting point for us, and to make sure we sort the problems together on the pitch."

The Reds have conceded 11 goals in eight games all told this season, and made a shocking start to the Premier League campaign,

with just two wins from their opening six matches.

They face an Ajax side who have won all their league games this season, to sit top of the Eredivisie.

The Dutch giants opened their Champions League campaign with a 4-0 defeat of Rangers, and on Saturday beat

Heerenveen 5-0 in the league with Mohammed Kudus, above, scoring twice, having also been on target a few days earlier. Klopp said:

"We all have to realise it starts with defending. We must celebrate winning challenges again. Do that and you can get some kind of momentum.

"There is no good game I can remember when a team played really good attacking but defensively was a shambles."

Liverpool did suffer a disastrous period when injuries wrecked their title defence in 2020-21. But this feels like the first real struggle for Klopp at

Anfield, after seven previous seasons of improvements and successes. "I have to do something, I can't sit and wait for how we react," he said.

"Is this the situation I wanted? No. But now you are in it you find it interesting and challenging. A lot of good things happened in the past and this team showed an incredible kind of consistency over a long period."

Klopp will be without left-back Andy Robertson until after the international break, due to a knee injury.



SCHREUDER: Fearful of an Anfield backlash

**'We'll be walking through a storm'**

ALFRED SCHREUDER is expecting his Ajax players to encounter "a storm" against Liverpool.

But he hopes to take some guidance from former boss Erik ten Hag to help his side cope.

Liverpool were crushed 4-1 by Napoli in their Group A opener last week, manager Jürgen Klopp calling it the worst performance of his time at the club.

With last weekend's Premier League matches postponed after the death of the Queen, the players have been waiting almost a week for a game.

And Schreuder has forecast a response in front of the Anfield crowd.

The Ajax coach said: "We expect to go into a storm."

"We are also good, we try and play our own game."

"You have to have courage and, if we can do that, we have a chance."

"If you don't, it's going to be difficult."

Schreuder's predecessor Ten Hag has already recorded a 2-1 victory over Liverpool this season as manager of Manchester United.

The current Ajax boss studied that clash as part of his preparations for the game at Anfield.

Schreuder added: "I have looked at the match and what they did."

"There are certain things they did that are applicable to us from the match."

## KICK START

Salah and the squad prepare yesterday as they try to spark their campaign

GROUP A	
LIVERPOOL	AJAX
(4-3-3)	(4-3-3)
ALISSON	PASVEER
A-ARNOLD	RENSCH
MATIP	TIMBER
VAN DIJK	BASSEY
TSIMIKAS	BLIND
THIAGO	BERGHUIS
FABINHO	ALVAREZ
ARTHUR	TAYLOR
SALAH	TADIC
NUNEZ	KUDUS
DIAZ	BERGWIJN
REF: A Dias (Portugal)	
KICK-OFF: 8pm, BT SPORT	
HOW THEY STAND	
AJAX	P 1 W 1 D 0 L 0 Pts 3
NAPOLI	P 1 W 1 D 0 L 0 Pts 3
LIVERPOOL	P 1 W 0 D 1 L 0 Pts 0
RANGERS	P 1 W 0 D 1 L 0 Pts 0

## Prem 'high-risk' games off with police under strain

### FROM BACK PAGE

able to get that fixture put back on.

All are off because they are rated high-risk Category One games – and are now victim to the strain on police resources ahead of the Queen's state funeral on Monday.

Arsenal have seen their Europa League game

against PSV Eindhoven on Thursday night postponed.

The cancellation of games is set to cause fixture chaos. Top-flight bosses have already got to find room in the calendar for a whole round from last weekend – with a midweek slot in January the most likely

option – and now there's another three games from this weekend.

Seven games are going ahead, including Tottenham against Leicester on Saturday and Arsenal's trip to Brentford on Sunday.

London will be exceptionally busy but neither are deemed to be

high-risk. The Premier League said in a statement: "Following extensive consultation, there was no other option but to postpone the three fixtures.

"For matches during the period of National Mourning, tributes will be paid to the Queen at Premier League

stadiums." Arsenal face a nightmare to reschedule their fixture with PSV, postponed because the Dutch club was bringing 3,000 fans, and UEFA rated the game as risky.

The Gunners need to play it before the World Cup, probably having to swap out a midweek PL game next month.

### PSV OFF: Fixture woes for Arteta



# BEN EYES ASHES

## 'Scary' stars can rock Aussies

BEN STOKES wrapped up a sixth impressive win of the summer at The Oval yesterday and now cannot wait to unleash his "scary" rockstars on Australia. Zak Crawley's 69 not out saw England to a nine-wicket win over South Africa in just 5.3 overs on the final day.

By Dean Wilson

And with a 2-1 Test series triumph secured, it was hard not to think about what England might be capable of in the Ashes next July. "It's scary to think where things could go, especially

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# 'I CAN'T LOSE SECOND SON'

By Chris McKenna

CHRIS EUBANK Senior is threatening to pull his boy out of a clash with Conor Benn, saying he does not want to lose a second son.

"My son's life cannot be put in danger," he said. "I've already lost one - it can't happen again." Eubank Jr, 32, left, is set

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# CARLOS ALCARAZ: A MEGASTAR IS BORN

FAIRY TALE  
OF NEW  
YORK: P59

# WE KNOW HOW TO SHOW RESPECT

But frustration for supporters as 'high-risk' matches called off due to pressure on police

**Klopp: Reds fans don't need advice on doing the right thing**

By Chris McKenna

JURGEN KLOPP expects Liverpool fans to respect the minute's silence for the Queen at Anfield tonight.

The Reds host Ajax in the Champions League and Klopp said: "I think the minute's silence is the right thing to do but I don't think that our people need

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POINT: Klopp is confident Liverpool fans will honour the Queen

By John Cross

PREMIER LEAGUE chiefs have confirmed that action will return this weekend - but the biggest two games have been called off.

Chelsea's clash with Liverpool and Leeds United's trip to Manchester United, both on Sunday, were yesterday postponed because they are rated as 'high risk'.

Brighton's fixture against Crystal Palace on Saturday had already been cancelled because of the rail strikes - which are now not going ahead - but they have not been

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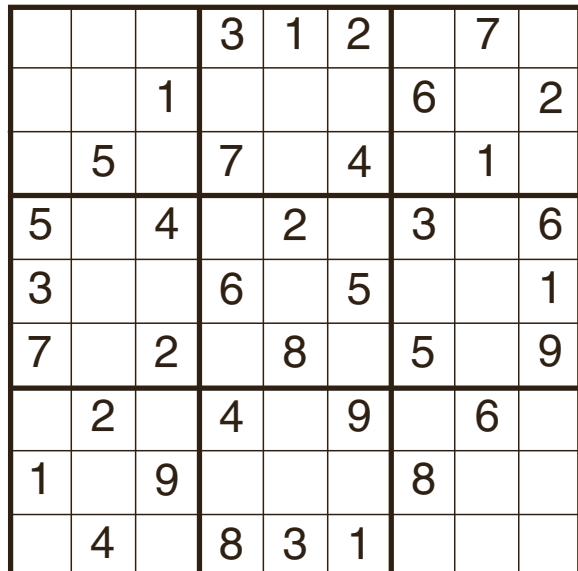
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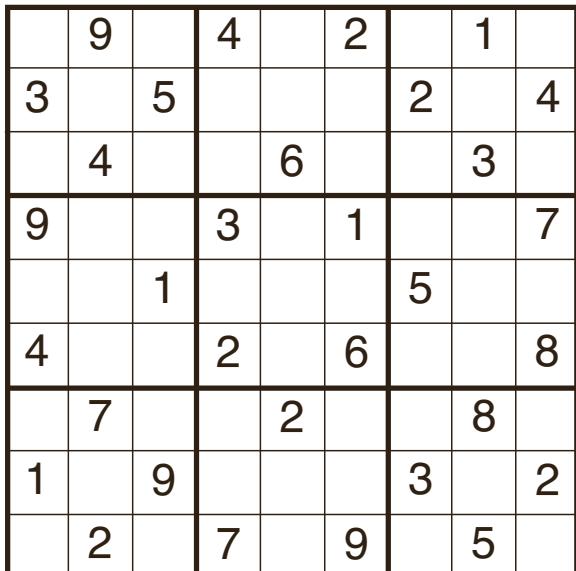
## SUDOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, row, and 3x3 square includes all of the digits from one to nine. **Solutions tomorrow**

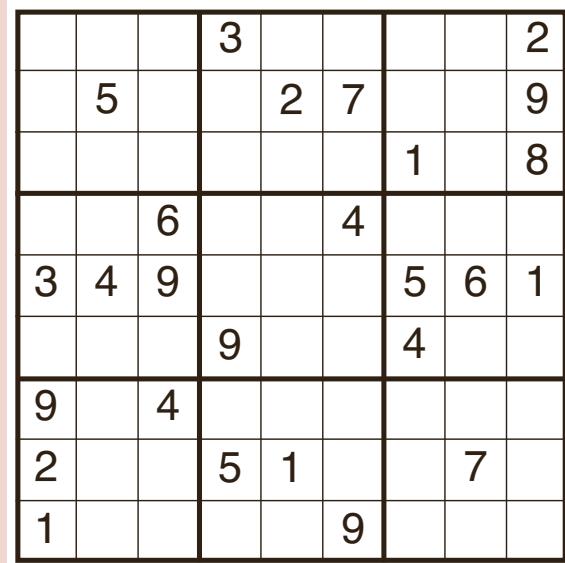
**EASY**



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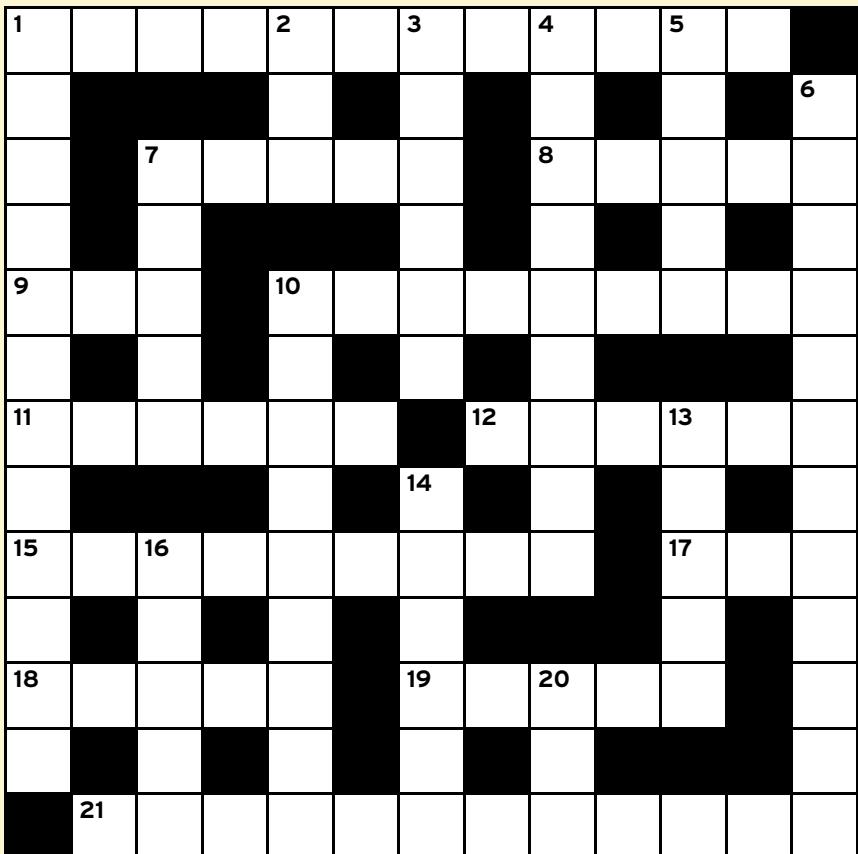
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## QUICK CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Validity (12)
- 2 Clearing (5)
- 3 Steam bath (5)
- 4 Wonder (3)
- 5 Neglected (9)
- 6 Character (6)
- 7 Handbook (6)
- 8 Room (9)
- 9 Tune (3)
- 10 Angry (5)
- 11 Accuse (5)
- 12 Thoughtlessness (12)

### DOWN

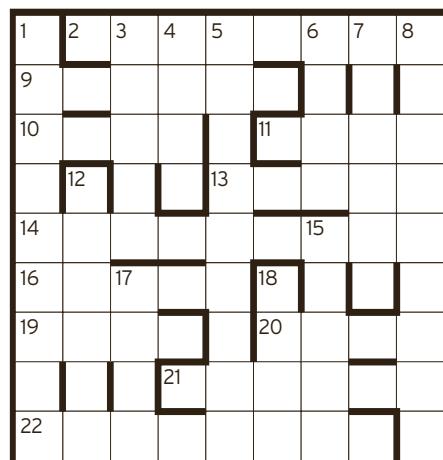
- 1 Friend (12)
- 2 Epoch (3)
- 3 Supposition (6)
- 4 Spaceman (9)
- 5 Mock (5)
- 6 Boastful (12)
- 7 Visitor (5)
- 8 Preview (9)
- 9 Custom (5)
- 10 Weak (6)
- 11 Rind of an orange (4)
- 12 Accuracy (9)
- 13 Unoccupied (4)
- 14 Correspond (6)
- 15 'Go the whole \_ yards' (4)
- 16 Operatic solo (4)
- 17 Woodland (6)
- 18 Frantic (9)

**Solution tomorrow**

Stuck on the puzzle? Call **0905 789 4188** to hear individual clues or the full solution

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## SMALL CROSSWORD



### ACROSS

- 1 Provided (8)
- 2 Possessors (6)
- 3 Location (4)
- 4 In addition to (4)
- 5 Not expensive (5)
- 6 Credit ape (anag.) (9)
- 7 Fertile spot in a desert (5)
- 8 'Go the whole \_ yards' (4)
- 9 Operatic solo (4)
- 10 Woodland (6)
- 11 Relied (8)

### DOWN

- 1 Deferred (9)
- 2 Unfasten (5)
- 3 Break sharply (4)
- 4 Rind of an orange (4)
- 5 Solid (4)

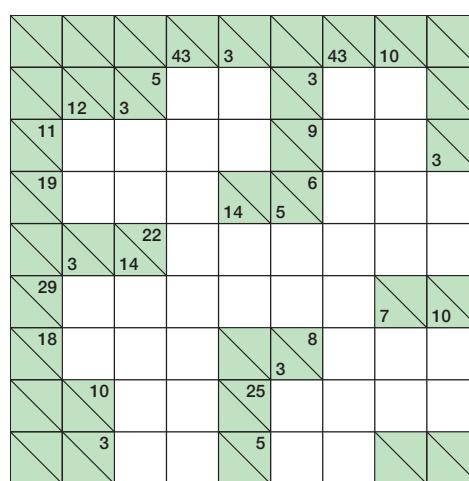
- 12 Extol (6)
- 13 Concur (5)
- 14 'Go the whole \_ yards' (4)
- 15 Solid (4)

**Solution tomorrow**

For today's solution call:  
**0907 181 2582**

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## KAKURO



Fill each sequence of blank squares using the numbers 1-9. Each sequence - across and down - must total the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of each line. A number may be repeated in each line but NOT in a sequence.

**Solution tomorrow**

## CROSS DOUBT

Target times: Average: **18 mins**  
Good: **14 mins** Excellent: **10 mins**

Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can - but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover - but which one is it?

See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. **Solution tomorrow**

**A B G G N O O S T**

Stuck? Call for a clue  
**0901 322 5601**  
Halve your Target Time!

Today's solution  
**0901 322 5607**  
Both today's words in a moment!

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## QUIWORD

### ACROSS

- First king of Israel in the Old Testament (4)
- 1964 Olympic pentathlon champion (5,5)
- In classical mythology, a priest of the goddess Cybele who performed wild ecstatic dances (8)
- Unit used in meteorology to measure cloud cover (4)
- The --- fly is a bloodsucking insect of the genus Glossina (6)
- See 15
- Actress whose films include High Rise and Layer Cake (6,6)
- Robert, Best Supporting Actor Oscar winner for The Godfather, Part II (2,4)
- God of thunder in Norse mythology (4)
- Sticky substance made from plants that is spread on trees to catch birds (8)
- 2006 film starring Pierce Brosnan as Julian Noble (3,7)
- Stephen, US author of the novels Carrie and Christine (4)

### DOWN

- 1926 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Sinclair Lewis (10)
- Roman scholar whose history of Rome contained 42 books (4)
- See 11
- Small breed of domestic fowl named after a village in Java (6)
- Borough of New York City on the south west end of Long Island (8)

- In Greek mythology, the mountain sandwiched between Olympus and Pelion by Otus and Ephialtes in an attempt to reach heaven (4)
- 1952 Robert Siomak film starring Burt Lancaster in the title role (3,7,6)
- 1968 Gordon Douglas film starring Frank Sinatra in the title role (4,4)
- Joseph, men's singles tennis player who won the 1947 French Championship (6)
- Woman's dress with a full gathered skirt and fitted bodice (6)
- Art gallery in London, England built in 1897 that has offshoots in St Ives and Liverpool (4)
- Brown songbird of the Old World family Alaudidae (4)

**Solution tomorrow**

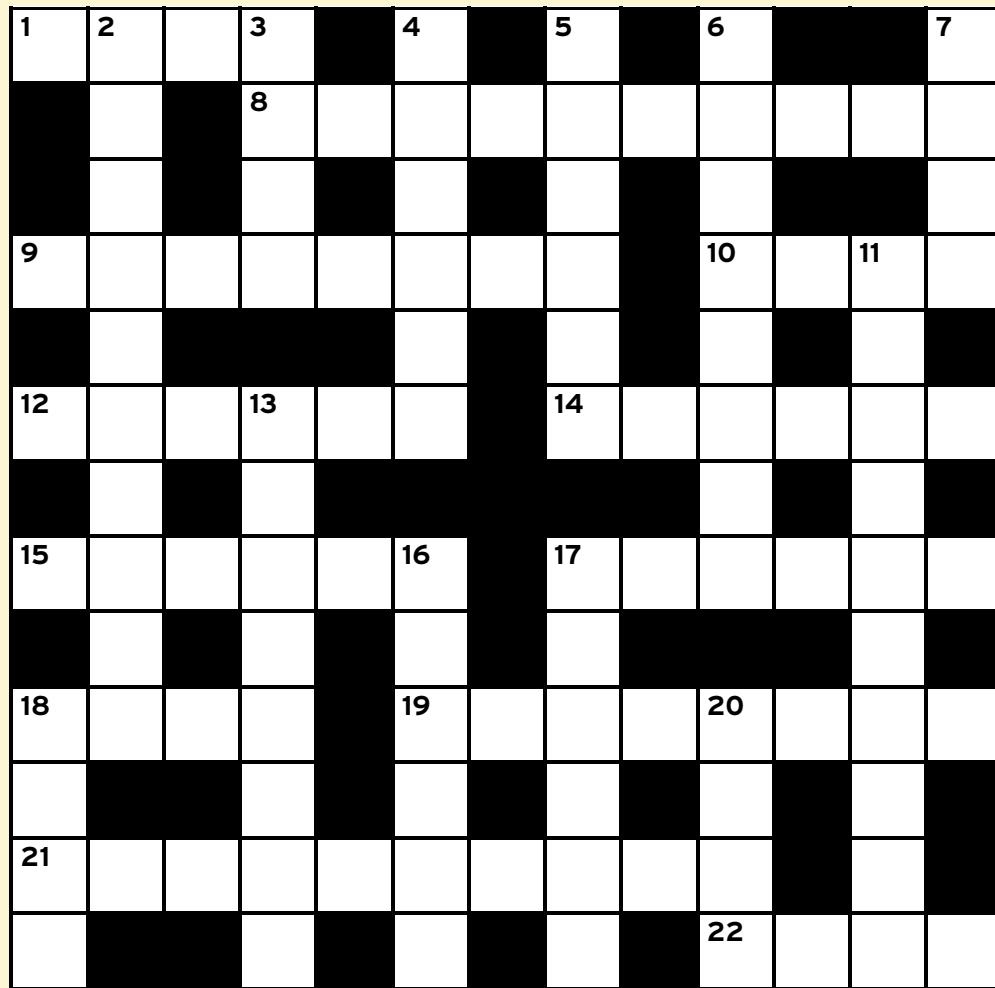
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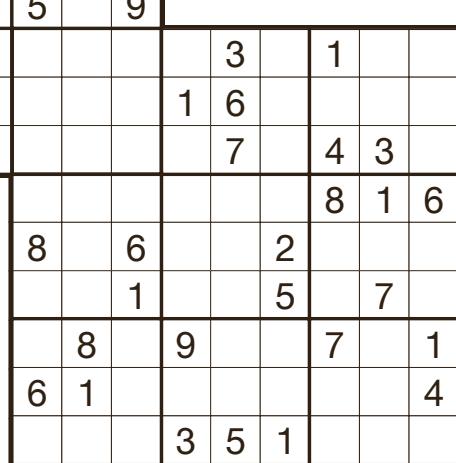
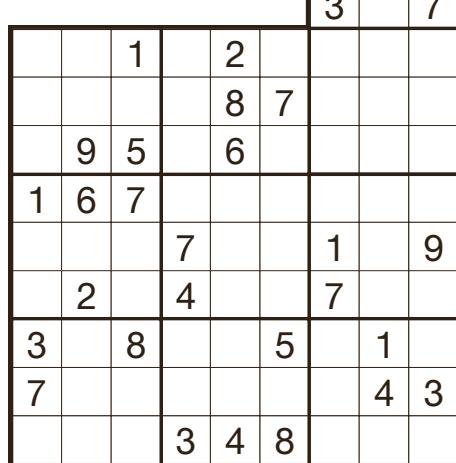
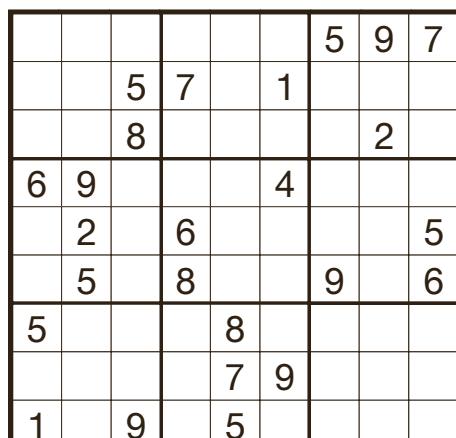
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## SAMURAI SUDOKU

In Samurai Sudoku, normal sudoku rules apply, but the 9x9 sudoku at the centre shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudokus.

**Solution tomorrow**



## WORD BUILDER

Answer each clue so that every word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

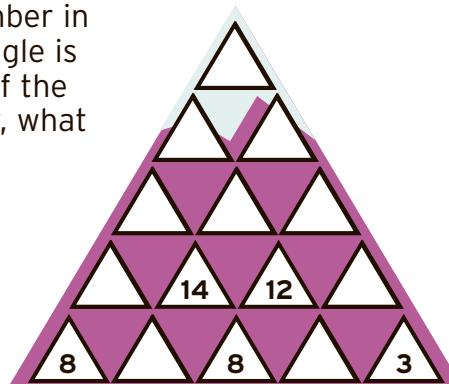
**Solution tomorrow**

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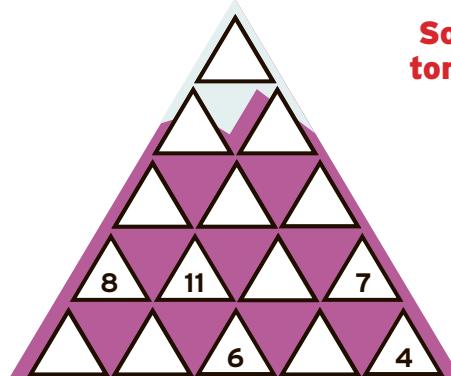
- Sunburn
- Tidy
- Make amends
- Decorated
- Opera singer
- Ripped
- Go off

## SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



**Solution tomorrow**



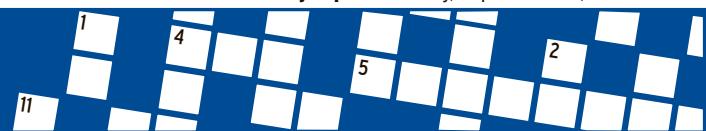
### SMALL CROSSWORD

#### Across:

- Chemistry,
- Having,
- Ever,
- Cargo,
- Swan,
- Reporters,
- Fair,
- Uncle,
- Tied,
- Icicle,
- Stretcher.

#### Down:

- Cheerful,
- Even,
- Mirror,
- Incorrect,
- Tar,
- Regard,
- Consider,
- Peanut,
- Static,
- Rich,
- Car.



## ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

**Solution tomorrow**

## WORDSEARCH

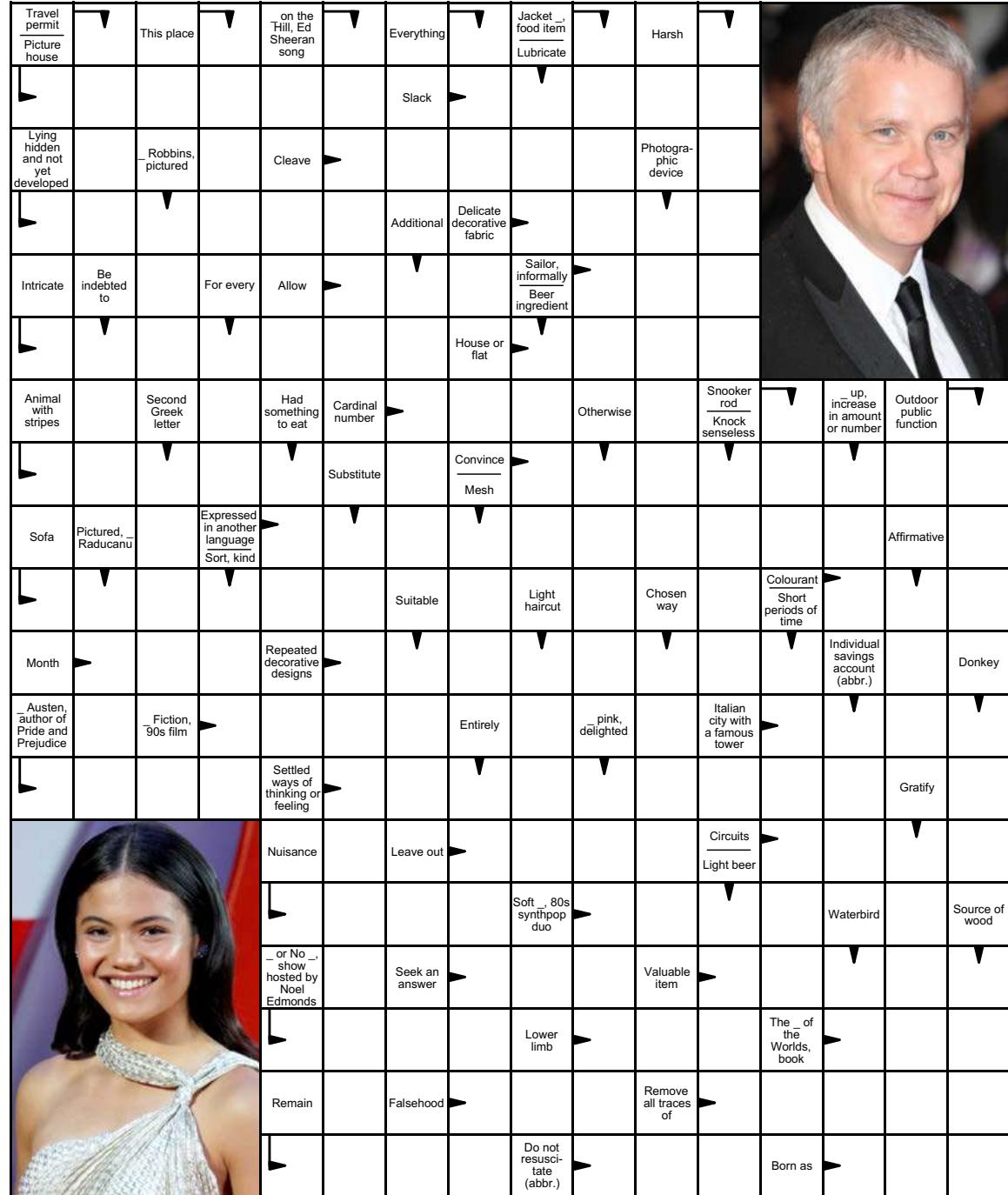


### GARMENTS

Find all the terms listed below in the grid.

**Solution tomorrow**

**BLAZER** ● **BLOUSE** ● **BOMBER JACKET**  
**CARDIGAN** ● **CULOTTES** ● **DRESS**  
**DUNGAREES** ● **GLOVES** ● **JUMPSUIT**  
**POLO SHIRT** ● **PYJAMAS** ● **SCARF** ● **SHORTS**  
**SOCKS** ● **SWEATER** ● **TROUSERS**  
**VEST** ● **WAISTCOAT**



## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

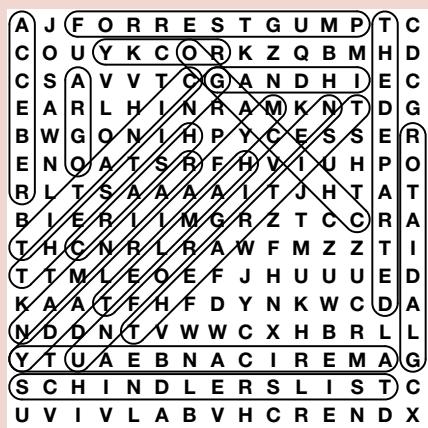
### QUICK CROSSWORD

**Across:** 4 Consign, 8 Odious, 9 Terrier, 10 Recipe, 11 Sturdy, 12 Presence, 18 Insignia, 20 Biceps, 21 Impact, 22 Distant, 23 Unlike, 24 Jezebel.  
**Down:** 1 Corrupt, 2 Pitcher, 3 Rumple, 5 Overseas, 6 Sprout, 7 Greedy, 13 Nuisance, 14 Inhabit, 15 Battled, 16 Divide, 17 Settee, 19 Immune.

### TARGET

**MOMENTARY** amen ammo anomaly  
 army atom etymon mane manor many  
 mare marmot mart marten mate mater  
 matey matron maty mayo mayor mean  
 meant meany meat meaty memo  
 memory mentor merman metro moan  
 moaner moat moment MOMENTARY  
 monetary money moray more morn  
 mote myna name norm omen ream  
 roam roman tame tamer tammy team  
 term tome tram yammer yeoman

### WORDSEARCH



### THE ALPHAPUZZLE

**Across:** Premier, Seen (clue), Foot, Conjugal, Hyphen, Helmet, Global, Riddle, Textbook, Hive, Sent, Assault.  
**Down:** Spooky, Leered, Feet, Habitat, Zircon, Loofah, Wrench, Rakish, Squalid, Hour, Deface, Levity.

### ARROW-WORD



### THE ALPHABEATER

**Black squares:** 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 20, 22, 23, 26, 28, 31, 32, 35, 38.  
**Across:** Panic, Measures, Inky, Foxhound, Vista, Raja, Cholera, Both, Whisk, Cogitate, Taxi, Abruptly, Vowel. **Down:** Verb, Chap, Alibi, Ilk, Technique, Vodka, Veto, Talk, Xylem, Autograph, Ado, Seize, Used, Amok.

### SUDOKU EASY

3	1	8	9	5	7	4	2	6
6	2	4	1	3	8	5	9	7
5	9	7	4	2	6	8	1	3
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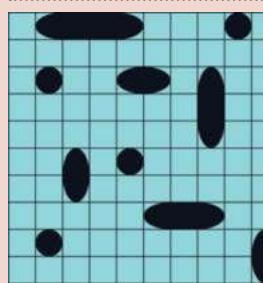
### SUDOKU MEDIUM

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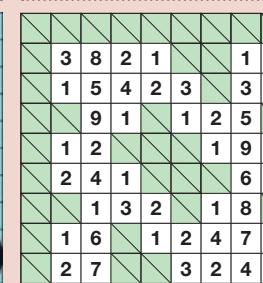
### SUDOKU DIFFICULT

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7	8	9	2	6	3	4	5	1
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8	9	1	5	4	7	3	6	2
4	3	2	8	9	6	7	1	5

### BATTLESHIPS



### KAKURO



### WORD BUILDER

Ire, Hire, Their, Thrive, Rivet, Rite, Tie

### CROSS DOUBT

**Across:** SNOWY  
**Down:** RINKS

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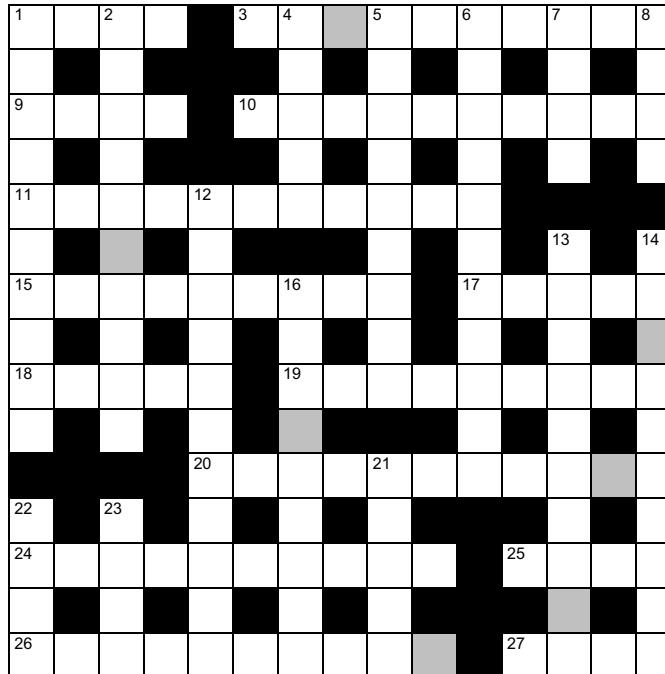
## CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

- 1 Blue feathers (4)
- 3 Balancing, no longer liking scene (10)
- 9 Novel revolving around hospital poses question (4)
- 10 Military vessel on standard part of program (10)
- 11 Left by visitor, naming eccentric (7,4)
- 15 Turns a blind eye concerning appearance (9)
- 17 Wine jar used to contain iodine and oxygen (5)
- 18 American fool included groups of soldiers (5)
- 19 In a dull way, making Edward promise cunning (9)
- 20 Historical performance meant recent improvement (11)
- 24 Lovely food processor has liking for cakes (5,5)
- 25 Border of hedges (4)
- 26 Finish artefact that you're left with (3,7)
- 27 British traitor is a whippersnapper (4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Woman to refrain from early singing (4,6)
- 2 Receptacle in circle that is black at home (7,3)
- 4 Pitched key on organ (5)
- 5 Teacher was successful, we hear, and excelled (9)
- 6 Roar and run away, seeing unexpected event (11)
- 7 Woman almost from Dublin, maybe (4)
- 8 Giggle extremely, containing merriment (4)
- 12 Rural list to review in drawer (11)
- 13 Overlooking chief getting promotion (4,6)
- 14 Simple way to get security (4,6)
- 16 Travelling to get a classic novel (2,3,4)
- 21 Act it out in the loft (5)
- 22 Misled about some land (4)
- 23 Top of the address (4)



**FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN**  
Read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.

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### LAST FRIDAY'S SOLUTION

**ACROSS:** 1 Backgammon, 6 Epic, 10 Purport, 11 Fritter, 12 Disengage, 13 Torso, 14 Brass, 15 Enteritis, 17 Septuplet, 20 Annoy, 21 Floor, 23 Oenophile, 25 Undress, 26 Tenants, 27 Earn, 28 Deep-seated. **DOWN:** 1 Biped, 2 Card-sharp, 3 Ground squirrel, 4 Methane, 5 Offbeat, 7 Peter, 8 Curiously, 9 Victoria sponge, 14 Bass flute, 16 Tennis net, 18 Look-see, 19 Tank top, 22 Order, 24 Eased. **Prizeword:** Mitigate

## TARGET



● The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)

**HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?**

In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

### TODAY'S TARGET

Good 29; very good 43; excellent 58 (or more). **Solution tomorrow**

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for today's Target solution

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## THE ALPHABEATER

**TARGET TIME:**  
36 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter - or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' - in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.

**Solution tomorrow**

Extra letter clues  
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Full solution  
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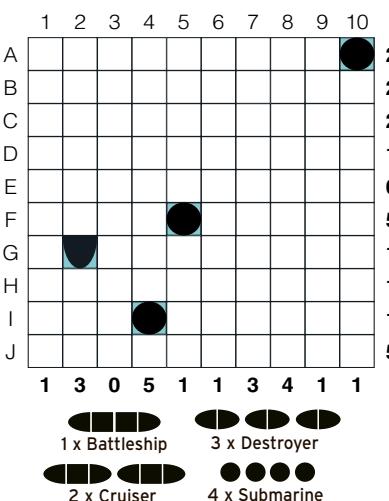
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B													
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D													
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F													
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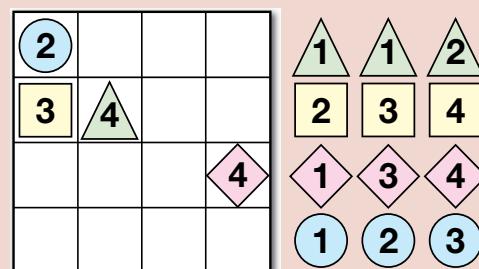
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# *The Queen's team*



**TENDER MOMENT:** Royal dresser and confidante Angela Kelly adjusts the Queen's outfit during a formal photo-shoot to mark Jersey's 800-year allegiance to the Crown



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 1926 - 2022





# Backstage battalions that

Dedicated and (largely) highly discreet, the Queen's loyal staff and aides played a vital role in supporting the Monarch at home and abroad during her record-breaking 70-year reign

By Margaret James

THE QUEEN was a sovereign like no other and has been feted as such since her death, both at home and abroad, for her unwavering devotion and service.

But throughout her 70 years and 214 days as monarch, she was aided by a team of dedicated and discreet servants and courtiers who smoothed her path and supported her as Britain's longest-reigning sovereign.

Perhaps the most influential of them all was, on paper at least, the most unlikely. Despite their gulf in backgrounds, docker's daughter Angela Kelly, 64, who grew up in a council house, became, over three decades, one of the most important people in the Queen's life.

Indeed, so close was the bond between the Queen and her Liverpool-born dressmaker that the monarch was once reported to have declared: "We could be sisters." While one aide remarked: "Angela sees it as her job to make sure everything runs like clockwork, and that includes the people who take care of Her Majesty."

During the pandemic, Kelly updated her 2019 memoir, *The Other Side Of The Coin: The Queen, The Dresser And The Wardrobe*, giving a unique insight into life behind castle walls.

She described how the Queen allowed staff to use the Windsor Castle swimming pool and hold water fights.

Kelly was also entrusted to do the Queen's hair when her usual hairdresser was excluded due to Covid restrictions, and prepared the monarch for her Christmas address in 2020.

"The Queen was so kind as she advised me on the very specific way to put the rollers in," Kelly wrote. "I was thinking, 'Goodness me, I need a gin and tonic.' So while the Queen was under the dryer I said to her, 'I'm off for a stiff drink because this is so stressful, getting it just right for you!'"

When the Queen would tell staff she was "just stepping out for a while", they knew this meant she was off to drink Darjeeling tea with Kelly, who lives alone in a grace-and-favour home in Windsor Great Park. The two were said to be so relaxed in one another's company that Kelly was one of the few people outside the Royal Family with whom the Monarch discussed the death of Prince Philip last year. The Queen, who had a known



BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT: The Queen marked Coronation Street's 60th anniversary with a set visit, above, to the delight of dresser and soap fan Angela Kelly; top, Kelly designed yellow outfit for William and Kate's wedding

talent for impersonation, often imitated Kelly's Scouse accent.

A world removed from the aristocratic background of the Queen's ladies-in-waiting, Mary Angela Kelly was born in 1957 to Thomas Bradley, a dock crane driver, and Teresa, a nurse, in the Walton area of Liverpool.

From an early age, Kelly, a Roman Catholic, loved clothes and was taught to sew by her mother. She made clothes for her dolls and always took enormous pride in her own appearance.

As a teenager and a huge fan of The Beatles, Kelly always kept up with the latest fashions and scoured local flea markets for fabric.

At the age of 18, she became pregnant and soon after the birth

of her child, married the father, Frank Wylie. The marriage broke down when Kelly moved to Germany to work in a British Army mess as a waitress. She married again but this too ended in divorce.

In 1989 she met Jim Kelly and got a job as a housekeeper at the home of the British Ambassador to Germany, Sir Christopher Mallaby.

It was here during a royal visit in October 1992 that she met the Queen and Prince Philip.

Kelly mentioned that she was planning to return to Britain and, the following year, was offered a position as a dresser. However, her new career put a strain on her marriage and she and Jim, a sergeant in the Army, separated in 1995. Over the decades, Kelly has

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held the titles of Personal Assistant, Adviser, and Curator Of Her Majesty's Jewellery, Insignias, And Wardrobe.

**T**WAS during these long sessions trying on clothes and experimenting with jewellery and different styles that the dressmaker and Queen became close. "We are two typical women. We discuss clothes, make-up, jewellery," Kelly has said.

She was made a Lieutenant of the Royal Victorian Order in 2012 at an investiture at Buckingham Palace, and designed all the dresses that the Queen wore for the

Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Kelly also made the christening robe used for Prince George's baptism in 2013.

She is also credited with modernising the Queen's wardrobe, filling it with fashionable pastel shades and elegantly cut dresses and skirt suits.

Introducing the Queen to the stage at London Fashion Week in 2018, Kelly said: "Your Majesty, I know you do not wish to be known as a fashion icon, but from all of us in this room, we have the utmost respect for you and also for your hard work and diligence."

It was Kelly who encouraged the Queen to visit the new set of Coronation Street in MediaCity, Salford, when the ITV soap



# kept Royal show on road



**ICON:** Her Majesty at London Fashion Week in 2018 with, centre, Vogue supremo Anna Wintour, and dresser Angela Kelly

## TALL PAUL: JIGSAW PAGE

KNOWN by the nickname "Tall Paul", Paul Whybrew was the Queen's most senior male servant.

His role as Page of the Backstairs was similar to the role of a butler and involved catering to her daily needs.

The role dates back to the Stuart era, when the pages waited on the "backstairs" to the monarch's private apartments.

An early sign of 6ft 4in Whybrew's loyalty came in 1982 when he wrestled Buckingham Palace intruder Michael Fagan to the ground.

After calming Fagan down, Whybrew, 63, gave him a whisky.

The courtier was also seen beside the Queen during her iconic cameo with Daniel Craig in the 007 sketch during the opening of the London 2012 Olympic Games, below.

"People talk about the Duke [of Edinburgh] being the Queen's rock, which he was," said a friend.

"But [Paul] has been such a loyal servant... She has always relied on him."

Born in Braintree, Essex, in 1959, Whybrew attended Clacton County High School before entering service as an employee of the Royal Households of the United Kingdom.

He was dubbed "Tall Paul", in contrast to another footman, Paul Burrell, who was known as "Small Paul".

Whybrew, reputedly the only person the Queen trusted to touch her jigsaw puzzles, was appointed Lieutenant of the



Royal Victorian Order in Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Honours. And while the monarch was convalescing in the past year, he was always at her side, keeping her company and chatting to her.

"You'd assume the private secretary is her right-hand man, but no — that's a professional relationship," said former royal butler Grant Harrold.

"The private staff get to know her really well, on a more personal level, spending time in her living quarters."

With accommodation at Windsor Castle, Sandringham House and Balmoral, Whybrew was said to be a near constant presence by Her Majesty's side in her final days.

opera marked its 60th anniversary in July last year.

Naturally, Her Majesty wore a Kelly suit and hat of bold teal.

"I was thrilled that the Queen chose my outfit and my hat to wear for the event. I was so giddy (during the visit) you'd think I was walking on hot sand," said Kelly, who accompanied Her Majesty to Manchester.

Although not short of critics – Kelly once joked: "I don't have any more room for knives in my back" – in the eyes of the Queen, her aide could do no wrong. She is said to have once told her: "You and I do work well together. I think we are a good team."

She was known by her initials AK among staff – quickly changed

to AK-47 after the Russian-made machine gun, a nickname which has stuck. Over the years, Kelly put together many of the Queen's most eye-catching, headline-grabbing outfits, including the yellow coat dress she wore to the wedding of the new Prince and Princess of Wales, Kate and William, in 2011.

So favoured was she by the late monarch that Kelly was also granted extraordinary permission to secure a three-book deal.

Already extremely close, the Queen and Kelly's bond was further cemented when the dressmaker became one of the key members of "HMS Bubble" during the pandemic.

Like the other staff, Kelly had no contact with the outside world and

could not see her three children, two sons and a daughter, or grandchildren, apart from on video calls. The Queen allowed film and games nights to pass the time, sometimes partaking in an intense round of Jenga. In the spring of 2020, Kelly revealed, staff organised a sports event, dubbed "Bubble Olympics", and had a water bottle fight.

**K**ELLY had asked the Queen in advance if she would host a prize-giving ceremony and she hid in the bushes, stepping out to surprise the speechless winner. In

the summer, the Queen allowed them to use her swimming pool, a "delightful" experience Kelly likened to a "special spa day".

It was Kelly who waited after the funeral of Prince Philip for the Queen, who broke the heart of a nation when she was forced to sit apart from her family, alone in the pews of St George's Chapel.

"I helped her off with her coat and hat and no words were spoken. The Queen then walked to her sitting room, closed the door behind her, and she was alone with her own thoughts," said Kelly, recalling the intensely sombre mood that day.

As the Queen's mobility failed, she sat with Kelly watching television, her dresser filling her in

on the latest soap plot twists. And her loyal companion was reportedly with her at the end.

Kelly will retain her home. An insider said: "The Queen was very clear that she was close to Angela and wanted to look after her people" – but, aside perhaps from a desire to visit America, she will be devastated by her employer's death.

Just how bereft is evident from her words a few years ago. She said: "I love the Queen and everything about her. I love seeing the faces of the public when they meet her, and when she gives them that special smile."

"It makes me feel so proud of her. I hope the Queen and I grow old together."



By Margaret James

**W**HILE the Queen held many titles over the course of her 70-year reign, the role of mother was often overshadowed by the onerous duty of monarchy. When given permission to speak to Jonathan Dimbleby for an authorised biography of Charles in 1992, the future King's friends described the Queen as, "not indifferent so much as detached". Simply put, she did not have the time to devote to her children.

Charles was three and Anne just 18 months old when Elizabeth unexpectedly became Queen after the death at just 56 of her father King George VI. So began a childhood in which the infant Prince often seemed a bystander in his parents' busy lives.

As Martin Charteris, her long-time private secretary, pointed out: "At the beginning, she was learning and simply had too much on her plate to enjoy Charles."

Inevitably, nannies – and one woman in particular, Mabel Anderson – played a vital role in the raising of her four children, and especially the eldest two, Charles and Anne.

Royal author Robert Hardman describes the late Queen as a "devoted", albeit "old-fashioned", mother.

While, according to Sally Bedell Smith's biography, *Elizabeth The Queen*, the two eldest children spent a large part of their formative years in "the six-room nursery complex on the second floor of Buckingham Palace".

On weekdays, under the watchful eye of their nurturing nanny, Anderson – known as "Mispy" by Charles – they were allowed downstairs after breakfast for a brief playtime with their parents and did not see them again until the end of the day when they would have a "final romp".

It is important to remember that this was considered normal for the Royal Family – and, indeed, many upper-middle class families – at that time.

"I think there's a tendency among some people to sort of apply the norms of modern parenting to the way she brought up her children," says Hardman, author of *Queen Of Our Times: The Life Of Elizabeth II*. "This was a wartime generation of people who had been separated from their families, in many cases for six years."

When one of your parents is the Queen, who continued to observe the traditional formalities in which she had been schooled since the age of 10, it is hardly surprising she was frequently absent – and often chose not to take her children with her.

After joining the family to care for Prince Charles, often referred to as the "most influential woman in his life", Anderson became a loyal and discreet servant of the Royal Family for six decades.

Present at every significant milestone, Charles subsequently described her as "a haven of security, the great haven".

The daughter of a policeman, from Elgin, Scotland, Anderson finally retired in 1981, after 32 years' service. But she remained close to the Royal Family, spending time watching television with the Queen at Windsor Castle – a short walk from her own grace-and-favour home in Windsor Great Park.

"They are the same age, and since Mabel brought up all her four children and knows them intimately, the two of them are never short of a topic of conversation," a royal source recalled. "The Queen rings her up sometimes. They are very cosy."

Anderson left school at 14 to start work and, in 1949, aged 22, applied for the position of "assistant nanny", completely unaware that

# When it came to the royal children, nanny inevitably knew best...



**FAMILY MOMENTS:** King George VI and Charles on his third birthday in 1951; Princess Elizabeth, right, with Anne after her christening in 1950 while Charles' grandmother holds his hand



Such were the demands on her time, it's no wonder the Queen's four children spent so much time with their carers, but it made the young royals' treasured moments with their parents even more special

the job was to care for the young Prince Charles. It was the start of a lifelong relationship with the family. Yet it is no surprise Charles later described his childhood as cold and his mother as distant.

According to the Queen's intimate friend and cousin, Margaret Rhodes, who died in 2016, it simply would not have occurred to Elizabeth that there was any other way of bringing up her children while juggling the demands of her role.

"It's much better for small children to be at home in a familiar environment rather than drag them halfway round the world," she said. "I remember when he [Charles] and Anne were quite small and the Queen would take them away to Balmoral."

"She would get them to make their own beds and help with the washing up. She cooked supper, they loved bangers and hot spuds. These were magical times full of fun and love. She was much closer to the children than Charles gives her credit for. True, she didn't sweep them up as Princess Diana

did with William and Harry but they were different times."

As a newlywed, Elizabeth's duty before she became Queen was also to her husband Prince Philip who, as a naval officer, was stationed in Malta.

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TWOULD have been unthinkable not to accompany him, so she left their two children at Clarence House where the family was living. In addition, the young mother had been advised the island was not suitable for the infant prince.

"Elizabeth could have stayed in London with her son, but she decided instead to spend as much time as possible with her husband," said Smith.

"She had been accustomed to long parental absences herself while she was growing up, so her decision to leave Charles wouldn't have raised eyebrows. She had expert nannies in

charge, not to mention her own parents, who were eager to keep their grandson company."

Indeed Charles' enduring bond with his grandmother, the late Queen Mother, was forged during early childhood stays at Sandringham.

Despite this, by all accounts, Elizabeth was besotted with her newborn.

Described by a courtier as "rosy, plump, healthy and bawling" and "with a fair fluff of hair", Charles' arrival after a 30-hour labour on November 14, 1948, attracted thousands of well-wishers to the gates of Buckingham Palace.

Marion "Crawfie" Crawford, who had been governess to Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, recalled Elizabeth revealing her pregnancy by whispering shyly, "I think we'll get out my old pram, Crawfie." While the soon-to-be Queen gushed to her cousin, Lady Mary Cambridge, about Charles' "fine, long fingers" and breastfed him for two months until she came down



**ROYAL CHARGES:**  
Charles is pushed in pram by nanny Mabel Anderson in 1950; right, Andrew with his mother and Mabel at Liverpool St Station in London in 1962; below, Mabel takes Edward for his first day at school in 1968



with a bout of measles. Charles has spoken of his sadness that, as a serving naval officer, his father missed his first three birthdays and was absent for nearly a year when he was two.

Nevertheless he was cocooned with love by his grandparents and nanny. Charles's

grandparents read him *The Tales Of Beatrix Potter* and *The Childhood Of Jesus*. He loved a wooden trolley with bricks – the Prince Charles Express – and his green Sunbeam Coupe pedal car.

But it was Anderson who put the children to bed, patched up their cuts and bruises and hit upon the idea of teaching the royal corgis to play hide and seek with Princess Anne so that she wouldn't miss Charles when he started school.

She even sent Charles bottles of Vosene anti-dandruff shampoo at boarding school. Charles' great uncle, Lord Mountbatten, told historian Robert Lacey that "nanny's night off" was the Queen's favourite of the week.

"When Nanny Mabel was off duty, Elizabeth could kneel beside the bath, bathe her babies, read to them and put them to bed," he said.

Anne, who was two years younger, born in 1950, would be pushed beside her brother in their prams. Given their

mother's inevitable absences, Anderson played a huge part in the upbringings of both Charles and Anne. However, by the time Andrew and Edward came along, in 1960 and 1964 respectively, the Queen was much more settled and confident in her role as both Queen and mother.

"The Queen became a more relaxed and consistently engaged mother with her second set of children," Smith revealed.

"Some critics have questioned whether she indulged Andrew and Edward too much, making up for not having spent more time with her older children."

Royal expert and author of *A Royal Life*, Hugo Vickers, said: "With the younger two, she was much closer. She was able to dictate her time much better and spend more time with them."

The Queen briefly employed Helen Lightbody, a stern Scottish governess, who was reputedly dismissed in 1956 following a disagreement about a pudding for the eight-year-old Charles. "Crawfie" herself fell

out of favour when she began writing about her royal charges in a woman's magazine.

Mabel Anderson, however, remained close to the family. In summer 2010, the Queen invited her for a cruise around the Western Isles to mark the 60th and 50th birthdays of the Princess Royal and Prince Andrew.

She temporarily came out of "retirement" to help raise Princess Anne's son, Peter Phillips, and was at Balmoral to help comfort Princes William and Harry after the death of their mother in 1997.

For her 80th birthday, Charles threw a lavish party at Clarence House, attended by all her former royal wards as well as the Queen.

She remains much-loved to this day and has often been a guest of honour at Windsor.

And, with the wisdom of years coupled with the challenges of his new role, King Charles may come to realise complaints about his early life were probably unfair given the sacrifices the role of monarch inevitably demands.



**SUPPORT:** Governess Marion Crawford with young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret



By Margaret James

MUCH HAS been written in recent days about the Queen's deep connection with, and enduring love for, Balmoral. That is, in part, as much to do with the staff who run the Aberdeenshire estate as its breathtaking setting and the quiet solitude it offers.

But then in more than seven decades on the throne, Her Majesty knew through trial, and occasional error, the value of professional, dedicated and discrete servants.

Indeed, on Sunday her oak coffin was carried to the hearse by six of the Balmoral estate's gamekeepers before her final journey. The Queen holidayed in the Highlands every year, and author Tina Brown says: "When her Majesty's dark green Range Rover swept into the drive, the entire staff of the estate – including 17 gardeners, five cooks and four scullery maids – formed a chorus line to greet her at the entrance. It was the moment the monarch could exhale and be her true self."

When the Queen arrived in Scotland this July, she stayed at first in the cosier seven-bedroom Craigowan Lodge on Royal Deeside and, in anticipation of hosting family and friends, returned to the main castle a mile away on August 9.

The only guest who stayed with her at Craigowan was, as ever, Lady Sarah Chatto, the 58-year-old daughter of the Queen's late sister Princess Margaret.

But accompanying the Queen wherever she went was a small retinue of loyal staff who stayed with her until the end.

Her 6ft 4in Page of the Backstairs Paul Whybrew – nicknamed "Tall Paul" – and her Serjeant-at-Arms, Barry Mitford, were regular companions.

Yet of the 1,000-plus employees who worked across various royal residences, while she knew many by name, only a chosen few were in close contact with the Queen each day.

"Tall Paul" and her dressmaker Angela Kelly were "the most powerful" because they were the most trusted, according to former royal butler Grant Harrold.

Kelly and Whybrew left their families to form "HMS Bubble" with the Queen and Prince Philip and 22 household staff members at Windsor Castle during the UK's first lockdown.

The Queen also counted on the decades-long support of her ladies-in-waiting.

She had eight in total: one Lady of the Bedchamber and seven Women of the Bedchamber. These unpaid aides were selected by the Queen to be close companions, accompany her during state visits, and carry essential items like make-up, combs, gloves and tissues.

Royal historian Marlene Koenig said they mainly came from wealthy, aristocratic families and in many cases were close friends.

"To them, it's a privilege. Lady Susan Hussey, for example, is very close to the Queen," Koenig said. Known in the household as "No 1 head girl", Lady Susan is the widow of Marmaduke Hussey, the former chairman of the BBC.

She rode alongside the Queen on the way to Prince Philip's funeral at St George's Chapel in 2021, and is Prince William's

# From Balmoral to loyal staff were

Riding in the park, 'secret' handbag signals and television, how aides and friends kept the Queen company



**LIFELONG HONOUR:** Prince Philip and Princess Elizabeth on their wedding day with her bridesmaids, some of whom have been serving the Queen ever since; right, riding out with stud groom Terry Pendry at Windsor Castle

Godmother. In 2013, Lady Susan received the Queen's highest mark of favour when she was appointed Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order, an honour usually reserved for members of the Queen's own family. In 2020, she celebrated 60 years as a lady-in-waiting.

She shared a lifetime of memories with her late royal employer, her original job

having been to reply to letters from well-wishers following the birth of Prince Andrew in 1960.

In the years that followed, she influenced who joined the household, interviewing Kelly for her first role of assistant dresser in 1994, and recommending Prince William and Prince Harry's longtime nanny, Tilly Legge-Bourke. Meanwhile, Dame Mary

Morrison, known as Mossy, has been Woman of the Bedchamber since 1960. She is a Dame Grand Cross of the Royal Victorian Order.

Dame Annabel Whitehead helped with entertaining during the summer at Balmoral.

Lady Pamela Hicks, at 93, was the Queen's second cousin and said to be her oldest friend. She served the Monarch as a lady-in-

## KING'S NEW EQUERRY A 'HUNKY DUDE' IN A KILT

THE new King already has a trusted coterie of advisers and servants. But as his household expands, he will inevitably build his own team. His new equerry – an officer of the royal household, who provides a personal service as an attendant – is making waves. Major Jonathan Thompson of Balaklava Company, 5th Battalion the Royal Regiment of Scotland, was pictured with Liz Truss as she was introduced to the King for

her first audience on Thursday. Later, he appeared alongside the new King during his first public walkabout on Friday outside Buckingham Palace.

In May, he was listed as an "equerry in waiting" at a service to install new Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath at Westminster Abbey. That month, he accompanied Charles and Camilla during their tour of Canada. Usually seen in a tartan kilt and sporran, the equerry was seen with the Queen during her inspection of Balaklava Company at the gates of Balmoral as she took summer

residence at the castle in August 2018.

The company stood guard outside Buckingham Palace for the first time in 2018 and came to London in 2019 for a "fit for role" inspection before standing guard at Windsor Castle.

Major Thompson said at the time: "It's an utter privilege, it really is, for us, for the Royal Regiment of Scotland, to be down here in London, kilts outside the key sights." He is understood to be married and known as "Johnny" in his personal life.

Social media described him as a "hunky dude" this week.



**DUTY CALLS:** Major Jonathan Thompson at the Queen's side





# 'HMS Bubble', always on hand

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waiting for decades after being her bridesmaid in 1947. It was Lady Pamela who was with the Queen in Kenya, 70 years ago, when she was told by the Duke of Edinburgh that her father, George VI, had died.

It was a defining moment for those present, who watched the Queen make the solemn journey home to be greeted as sovereign. Lady Pamela once said: "To have

known the Queen is to admire her above everybody else."

Susan Rhodes was appointed as a lady-in-waiting in 2017, following the death of her mother Margaret, the Queen's cousin and one of her closest confidantes.

Margaret, who passed away aged 91 in 2016, was another of the Queen's bridesmaids. Ladies-in-waiting, however, do

not spend much time in the private apartments, or ride out with their employer. Oddly, perhaps, servants such as Kelly and the Queen's groom, Terry Pendry, do.

Pendry, who has held the role of Stud Groom and Manager at Windsor Castle for more than 25 years, communicated with the Queen on an almost daily basis.

Until she had to give up riding in October

## BUTCHER RECALLS QUEEN'S 'BANTER'

THE Queen's butcher John Sinclair has recalled the "cheeky banter" he enjoyed with Her Majesty over the past decade.

Mr Sinclair, 57, owns HM Sheridan butchers who have supplied Balmoral Castle and neighbouring Birkhall, King Charles' estate, since the 1980s. It received a royal warrant in 1987.

Mr Sinclair first met the Queen at a Balmoral garden party about a decade ago and admitted her good humour quickly put him at ease. "I looked down on this small woman who had such good banter. She was quite cheeky as well," he said. "She still had that humour when I last met her three weeks

ago, in my capacity as chairman of the Ballater Highland Games. She was on really good form." The butcher's shop is in the village of Ballater, the first to bid the Monarch farewell as her English oak coffin began its final journey on Sunday.

Generations of royals have been considered "more than monarchs" by local residents who saw them as neighbours and, since her childhood, the Queen regularly "lifted the village" with visits, walking through its streets and stopping to chat to locals.

The Rev David Barr, minister for the local church, said the village had "lost its mother... it's that sort of grief".



WARRANT: The Queen in John Sinclair, centre, and Barry Florence's shop

**ONTO A WINNER:** Her Majesty enjoyed horse racing success with Lord Porchester



last year, the pair would regularly be seen out in Windsor Great Park and Pendry altered her horses' exercise route to run alongside her living quarters during lockdown, enabling her to inspect them daily. For her 94th birthday, he arranged for them to be paraded in front of her and Prince Philip.

In 2007, the Queen added the son of her childhood friend, Sonia Berry, to the staff. Simon Berry, chairman of London wine firm Berry Bros, which was founded by his father, Andrew, was appointed Clerk of the Royal Cellars. He made sure the Queen had the right wines to serve at Buckingham Palace and other royal residences.

Over the years, loyal staff learnt the meaning of secret signals from "the Boss".

During dinner engagements, her handbag was used to send discreet messages: if placed on the table, it meant staff should end the meal within five minutes. Similarly, if she switched her bag between hands during meetings, she was signalling she wished to finish.

"It would be very worrying if you were talking to the Queen and saw the handbag move from one hand to the other," recalled royal historian Hugo Vickers.

**T**HE Queen always rewarded staff with a big Christmas party which doubled in size when she turned 91 and invited them to bring their partners too. It spilled over into nearby St James's Palace, where there were a further 450 guests. The Queen engaged Wandsworth-based caterers Rhubarb, whose directors include celebrity chef Heston Blumenthal, so the kitchen staff could let their hair down.

Racing was always an important part of the Queen's life.

Over the years, she won around £8million in prize money, although she never bet, except in the family's annual Derby sweepstake. Her greatest triumphs came after she appointed childhood friend Lord Henry Porchester as her racing manager in 1970. Porchey, the son of the Earl of Carnarvon, was at her side at almost every Derby from 1945.

His sudden death at 77 on the same day as the 9/11 attacks on America in 2001 was a shattering blow to the Queen.

Following Porchey's death, his widow Jean, the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon, accompanied the Queen to Chelsea Flower Shows, Windsor Horse Shows and Royal Ascot.

"Personal friendships are so important to the Queen," a lady-in-waiting once remarked. "They are her escape from the weight of all things royal."

But as the Queen also poignantly remarked after the death of a close friend: "The trouble with growing old is you outlive a lot of the people you care about."

Few outside her family will be feeling the void left by the Queen they cared so much about more than the devoted staff she has left behind.

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**DAILY**  **EXPRESS****DEDICATED RETAINERS:** Members of the Royal Household, including 'Tall' Paul Whybrow, left, leaving a service of remembrance for the Queen at Crathie church in Balmoral on Saturday**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 1926 - 2022**